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North Checking Out

McNahan exit closure

Weather and other circumstances prompting, Caltrans plans to close the McNahan Street off ramp to Albany from the eastbound Interstate 580 from 4 a.m. to 3 p.m. Caltrans advises motorists to expect delays on the freeway that already ranks as the region's most congested.

Open a book

Open a Book Club members, families and nonmembers are invited to the club award ceremony to be held on Thursday, June 5 at 3:30 p.m. at the El Cerrito Branch of the Alameda County Library, 6510 Madison Ave. Some good books will be introduced to the audience; feel free to share your favorites. Certificates of participation will be given to members. Upcoming library programs for children will be announced at the end of the ceremony. The program will last about 40 minutes. Details: Agnes Chen, Youth Services Librarian at 526-7512 during business hours.

Building permit secrets

Learn "How to Obtain a Building Permit" at a City of Albany workshop on Thursday, June 5 from 10 a.m. to noon at the El Cerrito Branch of the Alameda County Library, 1249 Marin Avenue. Topics will include design review, building permit issuance, inspection and fire department requirements, and obtaining an encroachment permit when needed. Albany homeowners considering renovation, businesses mulling remodeling projects and real estate agents are encouraged. Details: 528-5760.

Future of El Cerrito

Mayor Norma Jellison and City Council member Norman La Force will lead a discussion on the future of El Cerrito at the June 24 meeting of the El Cerrito Democratic Club. The gathering will be at the El Cerrito Presbyterian Church, 1249 Marin Avenue, across from El Cerrito High School. Details: Rolf Weber, 524-8142, 527-6212, e-mail: rolf101@aol.com.

Video Festival

The Albany Arts Committee presents the city's first Arts Video Festival. The community access cable channel 17. Video works submitted by Albany residents range from performances to musicals to documentaries.

Albany playwright and artist John Spencer has four theatrical productions showing in this series: *Each Other*, *The Last Nuclear War*, *The Ant Colony*, and *The Orphan*. The series also includes *Fanya*, a documentary on an African health clinic project, *The Conquest of Albany Hill*, a play about the adventure story of a mountain climbing expedition. The festival runs through June 10.

As your books

If you're planning to clean out your shelves anytime soon, the Albany Library would like you to have your excess volumes (in good condition, please) for their book sale. The annual sale is on June 28 and 29 in the Community Room of the Albany Community Library. Types of books will be accepted and can be brought to the library by the end of May. If you're closed, donations can be made to the book return chute. And be sure to attend the sale to pick up new books to replace the ones you do.

Open Bag with author

Albany Ermachild Chavis discusses her new book *Albany's Neighborhood Fights to Survive* at the Albany YMC's Brown Bag Series Forum on June 11 at 7 p.m. at the Y, 921 Kains Ave.



Parents take a stegosaurus through its paces on campus Friday. Dale Haratani, second from right, was the artistic guidance who had the help of dedicated parents who worked over the past three months on the prehistoric decorations for El Cerrito High's Grad Night Party.

EC High grads will visit 'Lost World'

From the point of view of hard working parents and long studying students, "It's About Time!" for graduation and the official Grad Night '97 Celebration at El Cerrito High School. This year's celebration, hosted by the parents of the senior class, will whisk the graduates through time to places and events from the exotic and exciting past.

The parent Grad Night committee has been working since October to organize the celebration. Fund raising and elaborate architectural and thematic planning are only part of the parent effort. In addition to spectacular decor, Grad Night includes a full venue of entertain-

The Grad Night Committee will host the community, except graduating seniors, Preview Night, Thursday, June 12 from 4 - 7 p.m.

ment, music, dancing, games and amusements and food. The celebration will begin immediately after graduation Friday June 13 and will end with the serving of a full breakfast Saturday morning at 5 a.m. Grad Night tickets will be available by the ECHS main office through the last full day of school June 10. Grad

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Happy birthday, Mr. Green

Loving gala celebrates 100 years

By Emily Lundberg

Behind a fence decorated with an elaborate "G," down a bright blue walkway, past bright blue, newly-painted chairs, is the Green residence. The Green family has been preparing — painting, gardening, and barbecuing — for an epic moment in their family history. Girard Green, or "Papa" as the family calls him, is turning 100. Relatives from all over are coming to partake in a three-day celebration of what Girard Green calls his "blessed" life.

Ten years ago, Girard Green and his wife, Louise (now deceased), moved from Florida to El Cerrito, to live with son and daughter-in-law, William and Maud Green.

Since then, he has become an active member of McGee Avenue Baptist Church in Berkeley. He volunteers at local public schools and community groups, where he blesses them with his cheer, his gift for storytelling, and his 100-year-rich treasure chest of experience.

Inside the freshly-scrubbed house, Girard sits regally on a plush couch, looking as dapper as he surely was at 20, an ivory back-scratcher in one hand and his cane in another, waiting eagerly to talk about his life.

Girard asks, "What do you want to know?" and, without waiting for an answer, launches into an extraordinary tale of his Southern roots, a tale of slavery, love, and loyalty.



Girard Green with his late wife Louise. Family and friends are celebrating Girard's 100th birthday this weekend.

'Who is this?'

Girard Green's grandfather was a slave on a cotton plantation in Bamberg, South Carolina, about 75 miles west of Charleston. The Greens owned the cotton plantation.

"Old Man Green," Girard calls him in his gravelly drawl, went into the army to fight in the Civil War, to "preserve slavery." While

he was away at war, his wife had an affair with one of the slaves, Girard Green's grandfather.

"My father was born of that union," Girard says. When Mr. Green came back from the war, Girard's father was a tot running around the plantation. "Old man Green went, 'Who is this?'" Girard bursts into hearty laughter.

"It was unwritten law that if a

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Responses coming in to Plaza plan EIR

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — Remembered by old-timers as the bustling heart of the city, the El Cerrito Plaza is now in need of a transplant. At the beginning of the year, the Redevelopment Agency found a donor, Wilton/Terranomics. Now possible complications and corresponding mitigations have been studied and released to the public in the form of a Plaza Draft Environmental Impact Report. While some revel at the renewed possibilities for a revived Plaza under the steady hand of Wilton/Terranomics, others fear the project will die on the operating table.

What's on the table

Wilton Partners and Terranomics Retail Services propose constructing some 300,000 square feet of commercial/retail space, 205 multi-family residential units, a town square, an approximately 400-space parking garage (intended to serve BART patrons during commute hours), and 1,130 surface parking spaces (for the commercial/retail portion). Wilton Partners is also funding the restoration of Cerrito Creek, on the southern edge of the site. Many of the more community-centered frills came from 1996 community planning sessions. The town square will most include benches and a stage, and a bike path will run along Cerrito Creek.



The site would be dramatically different from what people have been accustomed to.

While, the Plaza currently consists of 446,000 square feet of retail/commercial and office space, only 125,650 square feet of that is currently occupied. Therefore, the El Cerrito Shopping Center would actually see a reduction of about 140,000 square feet.

And it would also see a reduction of parking spaces, from 2,221 spaces down to 1,134 spaces, a reduction too great compared to the reduction of commercial/retail, some residents say.

Parking is not the only thorn in some citizens' sides. Another prickly issue is plans for 205 multi-family residential units that would cover about 6 acres on the eastern end of the project site. About 25

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Medical emergency measure passes easily

By Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — By a landslide of more overwhelming proportions than any other city in Alameda County, Albany voters on Tuesday approved their Emergency Medical Services assessment, Measure D, by a whopping 92.7 percent.

While city voters have shown a propensity to split fairly evenly on issues brought before them in recent elections, with the slimmest of margins deciding questions such as last November's Measure Q, the third seat in the 1996 City Council election and Measure F (1994), which allows a courtroom at the Golden Gate Fields racetrack, no such division occurred Tuesday. With a paltry 157 votes against and 2,021 in favor, city residents left little doubt as to their desire to reaffirm Albany's \$30.84 per year EMS assessment.

Remarkably, though the assessment was the highest in terms of dollars of the ten city initiatives

voted on across the county, Albany voters spoke in the affirmative more overwhelmingly than any others, edging out Piedmont's approval of a similar measure by two-tenths of a percentage point. Fire Chief Marc McGinn, who says he went into the election hopeful but not taking anything for granted, attributed the victory to the city's famed three-minute response time.

"You can't put a price on that," McGinn said, undoubtedly breathing a sigh of relief in that failure of Measure D would, as he said at a recent City Council meeting, have been "catastrophic" if the \$220,000 per year the assessment raises had been cut from his department. "My feeling is that if you underestimate anyone or anything, you're destined to lose," McGinn said.

"We're delighted with the election results," said City Administrator Daren Fields. "There's always concern, but we remained hopeful that Albany voters would continue to support the high level of para-

medic service which the city provides."

Fueled by a rather low-key campaign run by persons ranging from City Council members to opponents of another recent tax (Measure R), the drive to reaffirm the city's EMS assessment found no public resistance and little in the privacy in the polling place. Faced with a possible tripling the city's paramedic response time if the measure failed, voters chose to keep their own paramedics on call at the 1000 San Pablo Avenue 24 hours a day, a move which, in the future, could mean the difference between life and death.

While county ambulances are allowed up to ten minutes to respond, in Albany that time is often less than three minutes. In cases where a person's breathing or heart beat has stopped, those precious ticks of the clock could very well mean the difference between seeing another sunrise or being lowered into the cold, dark grave.

"That shows to me that the

people of Albany are always concerned about the welfare of the citizens," said former mayor Jerome Blank, who, in the early 1950s, voted to purchase the city's first ambulance. "I'm really gratified. It's part of the quality of life in Albany."

"I think people realized the importance of it," said Alice Ely, wife of City Council member Jon Ely, one of the leading campaigners.

The need to place the measure on the ballot sprang from Proposition 218, passed by state voters last November, which mandated such taxes be approved by a 2/3 vote. While the council shied from placing an inflationary clause in the initiative allowing the assessment to be raised in the future, fearing it might jeopardize the hard-to-achieve 2/3 approval, that caution, in retrospect, seems unnecessary.

While ballot measures in general bode change for the cities which pass them, approval of Measure D

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Bus district honors dedicated transbay rider

Lewis Mitchell, a regular passenger on AC Transit's Line G bus service, was identified in a rider survey and singled out for honors as the current commuter who has been using Bay Bridge bus service the longest.

The El Cerrito resident reportedly began using transbay transit in 1950 — at a time when he more likely would have used the "F" train instead of a bus, since rail service was the popular transbay option until 1958 for patrons from Berkeley, Albany, and El Cerrito. Still an active commuter, Mitchell is employed as a typesetter at a downtown San Francisco firm. He still regularly rides AC Transit's

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El Cerrito redevelopment: Boon or boondoggle?

A valuable tool to spur development, eliminate blight

The State Redevelopment Act was passed to enable cities to eliminate blight. This is done by redeveloping properties private developers can't afford to develop because the properties are so blighted they are not financially feasible to develop. It is illegal for a Redevelopment project to make money.

Many California cities are outstanding examples of Redevelopment. San Francisco's South of Market Area with its former vacant lots, deteriorated buildings, and skid-row atmosphere was a terrible blight to an otherwise beautiful city. Today, because of Redevelopment money, this area is the site of the Yerba Buena Center, the Museum of Modern Art, and the Moscone Convention Center. This area brings enormous amounts of business to San Francisco hotels, restaurants and other businesses. Another example of the synergistic effect of Redevelopment wherein private developers are attracted to an area that has been redeveloped: A developer has announced plans to build a multi-million dollar hotel near the Convention Center.

Ninety-five percent of Emeryville's new buildings are the result of Redevelopment. They include the Public Market, Powell Street Plaza, the East Bay Bridge Shopping Plaza, and the new Amtrak Station. However no private developer could afford to build on the site of the former General Electric Plant where the ground was contaminated with PCB's. Therefore, the Emeryville Redevelopment Agency cleaned that ground and, though it may never recover the cost of the cleanup when it sells the land, it is now

usable property that should bring tax revenue to the City of Emeryville. Downtown Oakland was severely blighted. Redevelopment money resulted in the beautiful City Center buildings and Preservation Park with its restored Victorian houses. They, in turn, inspired the construction of the new Federal Office Building whose employees bring money to downtown Oakland.

I was recently in San Diego and visited their Redevelopment Agency and talked with their Redevelopment Manager. She showed me a large diorama of their downtown and every new building that resulted from Redevelopment was conspicuously designated. Most of the downtown, including their new Convention Center, was the product of Redevelopment.

In El Cerrito, the Target Store, a result of Redevelopment, replaced an eyesore old trailer park and a bowling alley that produced \$23,000 in Sales Tax Revenue for the City. Target now generates \$250,000. The Del Norte project has been praised by architects and visiting city officials (as far away as Japan). We would not have either of these projects without Redevelopment. Because of these projects, both Home Depot and FoodsCo decided to build in El Cerrito.

These projects, built with private money, are further examples of the synergy of Redevelopment.

Those who choose to see Redevelopment from a negative viewpoint do not understand its purpose or its mechanism — and probably never will.

William J. Commerford
El Cerrito

City budget forecast symptomatic of agency's failure

The Journal of 22 May addressed what are said to be future budget problems for El Cerrito. City Manager Gary Pokorny, is quoted as saying that a \$1 million shortfall per year awaits us soon. Among his reported remarks, he applauds the role of Redevelopment and denigrates the views of those who oppose it. I would like to address what are, based on my experience, incorrect statements he made about it.

First, more than just "a few voices" have pointed out that Redevelopment shifts taxes from the basic services, which he says will soon have a shortfall, to what are subsidies for private ventures. When the Redevelopment Plan extension was put on the ballot, the measure passed by only 45 votes out of 9,500. Is that just a few voices?

Next, with regard to a Redevelopment effect on the projected shortfall, we all know (don't we?) that if one spends it for A one cannot spend it for B. In fact, the Agency now diverts some \$500,000 yearly from El Cerrito's coffers plus more than another \$1 million from other government entities. In addition, the agency uses city staff and facilities to the tune of some \$300,000 a year for which it has not paid for four years and will not for another five at least. That total of \$800,000 comes mighty close to the projected shortfall. How can Pokorny say that Redevelopment is not a prime factor in this? That's our money!

Why can't this "wonderful" program pay its way? Simple. It has so overspent in the past that it cannot meet its debt service now. Just recently it had to take out still another unsecured note because it could not meet its obligation to Dayton Hudson, the Target

store parent. An additional unsecured note was taken out because it could not meet its obligation to ARC, the owners of the former bowling alley. Large balloon payments on notes from FoodsCo will have a deficit of over \$1 million in the future. The proposed PDG project will not proceed. That's our money!

Next, Pokorny spoke of "large, expensive, and controversial challenges" to Redevelopment. There are already two in the books: the Target store and Del Norte. Neither will ever pay for itself in tax money. A deficit over time in excess of \$11 million is promised. Is he promising more of same? "challenges"? Is he talking about a \$3 million subsidy (which the Agency doesn't have) for the Plaza project? That's our money!

He claims that Redevelopment has produced 363 units of market rate housing. Del Norte has 108 such units. What Agency project has produced the rest? He claims that 1,000 jobs were created by Redevelopment. Since the Target store has been the only large Agency project, where did these come from? Any accounting for the jobs at the Emporium closure?

It's time that Mr. Pokorny and all of us face reality. Redevelopment is a fiscal disaster. We need to recognize that fact and deal with it. The Council want us to vote in new taxes. We have the obligation first to get rid of the ones upon our necks.

George...

Letters to the Editor

Navellier Street and Bright Star

Editor:

Thank you for your article on the efforts of neighbors to stop the Bright Star School construction project on Navellier Street. This project would in essence destroy a historical building, and erect a number of structures and play areas for 150 children and staff in an area that is now quiet and serene.

As people living across from the planned development, we find it laughable that Bright Star Director Matz says the school would not have any negative impact. Her comment that a sound wall on one side would eliminate the sound of 150 toddlers through junior high school students is particularly ludicrous. Sound bounces off of the hillside and is magnified, as we can attest to.

Unlike the sites of nearby schools, the proposed site is surrounded by houses on all sides. While Sierra School has a block on each side with no other structures, the proposed school would exist practically on top of its neighbors. When 150 cars descend on our neighborhood to drop off and pick up children, where will these cars park? In the 18 parking spaces? Then where will the staff park? Director Matz again insults our intelligence with these absurd plans: That cars can park in "nearby businesses" (we live here and there aren't any businesses, only houses), and "the staff will stand outside to sign children in and out." (How long will this last: a day and a half? Will teachers be standing outside during the winter storms? What happens when a parent wants to come in and speak with a teacher, or during parent/teacher days? Where will the 150 cars park during large school functions?)

Not only is parking a problem, but another school would add greatly to the congestion in the area. Since Navellier Street is a main thoroughfare between Berkeley and El Cerrito, there are already cars driving very rapidly down this narrow, windy street. Adding so many more cars will only add safety problems to the list.

Certainly there must be some appropriate spaces in the El Cerrito area where Bright Star's presence will not create such a negative impact in terms of noise, congestion, parking, environmental concerns, wildlife, and quality of life. Ms. Matz tries to scare the neighbors by suggesting that instead of a school we might have 10 townhouses! We say: bring on the townhouses! We've driven by nearby townhouse communities, such as Wildwood, and found them pleasant and quiet. We would much rather contend with the noise of people mowing their lawns or walking their dogs rather than the chaos of a large school on a property that is too small and inappropriate.

Stacy Taylor
Robert Epstein
El Cerrito

Cigarettes reaching their intended users

Editor:

Are cigarettes marketed to children? We decided to find out by doing a survey of the cigarette packs found around Albany parks and schoolyards near out houses last Sunday. We made the assumption that packs found on the ground would probably have been left by non-adults, since we were sampling areas frequented by teenagers and children, and adults tend not to litter as much. We also made the assumption that menthol cigarettes were directed toward children, since they are

easier for beginners to smoke.

Of the 39 packs we found, 15 were Marlboros, suggesting that the Marlboro cowboy did indeed appeal to children. Predictably, nine were Camels, pitched by Joe Camel. The nine Newportspotted showed the impact on children of providing a menthol alternative; in fact there were 11 menthols in all, counting a Kool and an unidentifiable menthol brand. Indeed, out of the 39 in our sample, only four had advertising campaigns that did not target children.

Tobacco executives, of course, have claimed that they do not market their products towards children, but our results suggest otherwise.

Tony Kerman
Ben Bruso

Hospital partnership offers advantages

Editor:

I have been a resident of Pinole and a registered nurse at Doctors Hospital since 1989 and am very proud of the caring environment of Doctors Hospital. Now, as a result of the partnership between Doctors Hospital and Brookside Hospital, and under the guidance of Gary Sloan, CEO, I am confident these facilities will provide an efficient system of patient care in an environment which is comfortable for patients and guests alike.

As the clinical coordinator of JointWorks, I look forward to expanding this program so we may provide care to more arthritis patients in the West Contra Costa County area who might benefit from a hip or knee replacement.

Having worked at both Brookside and Doctors, I am excited about combining the expertise of the medical staffs and

nurses of both facilities. Although we are currently in transition, I believe there is an opportunity to expand our delivery of quality patient care and to provide a healthy future for our community.

Patty Donahue, R N

Convince board to postpone middle school

The Albany School Board doesn't have enough money to build both a new middle school and an earthquake-safe high school. The two projects will cost over \$40 million, and we have perhaps \$20 million in hand: the Albany school bonds of \$31.6 million have a bonded-indebtedness ceiling of less than \$20 million, with the rest becoming available over the next ten years; and the state matching funds of \$11.8 million will not be available until 1999, and then only if the state school bonds pass in the 1998 election.

Consequently, we face two possible scenarios:

(A) If we build the middle school now, the money for the high school will not arrive for a number of years. Most high school classes will be taught in portable classrooms, occupying part of Memorial Park, starting this Fall. We may spend three to five years just waiting for money for the high school, with completion of the high school and removal of the portable classrooms unlikely until perhaps six to eight years from now.

(B) If we postpone the middle school, the money for the high school will be available right now. A small fraction of middle school and elementary classes will continue to be taught in portables. Memorial Park will be saved, because the high school portables can be placed on the Hill Lumber site. The new middle school can be redesigned, if necessary, and it can be constructed as soon as the money arrives.

The current design of the new middle school is by no means a clear success. Many middle school teachers regard it as inadequate. It is not even clear that a new middle school is the appropriate choice for the site; perhaps a new elementary school would be more suitable. In view of these doubts, a delay would be beneficial; then, when we do build on the Hill Lumber site, we will be sure that everyone agrees on the proposal.

Clearly the middle school should be postponed. It is not yet a fait accompli. We can still postpone it. It will require that interested citizens act: write letters, talk to neighbors, contact city council and school board members. And continue to do so. Everyone should now participate in changing the direction of the school board.

Bob Good

The encampment on Albany's landfill

Police send the wrong message

I was saddened to note that the BB gun firing boys mentioned in last week's article on the Albany "Bulb" had not been caught with a crime. They were, instead, given back their weapons — "turning evidence."

It is my belief that these youths should be punished for harassing and/or killing wildlife. The "Bulb" is home to the Kestrel (type of falcon), a bird that is easy prey for a gang of teenagers armed with two air rifles and two air pistols. The children have obviously not been taught to respect other life forms by their parents or guardians. The police officers, in a last resort, should have taught the three juveniles a lesson by providing some form of negative consequence for their actions. Instead, the officers have allowed the teenagers to continue their disrespectful thought (and probably behavior) towards other life forms. Perhaps they thought, "what's a few birds when compared to the threat to society of six more plants?" They also may have thought, "shooting at homeless campers is OK, they're not really people."

The officers failed to instill an important lesson in our school aged hoodlums. Your younger readers may have absorbed the wrong idea after reading about the events in your article.

Andrew...

Headline insults University Village

Your headline "The 'other' Albany Village" (May 29, 1997) is a slap in the face to all faculty, staff, students and families associated with UC Village and UC Berkeley.

Two months ago "The Journal" showcased UC Village as now associate it with Albany's landfill? The headline and adjoining picture misled and prejudice readers, and insulted. Your poor judgment warrants an apology.

In the meantime, we'll consider "The 'other' newspapers" Michael E. Board member City of Albany Village Residents Association

No offense was intended with the headline. It was meant to differentiate, not compare, and let readers know about a community within the city limits many people did not know about. If we offended anyone, we apologize.

Who were the culprits here?

Regarding your May 29 front page story about "The Other Albany Village," we would like to ask what these boys were doing out at the former Albany landfill "shooting at birds"? why did they suffer no consequences for their actions — firing BBs at other human beings can result in permanent blindness while the victims of their actions were arrested?

All right. So they were arrested for growing marijuana. Granted, no one wishes to see the Albany Bulb become an area of crime and drug dealing. But in our experience this is not what is happening out there. We have often walked in the area, and have never been hassled or threatened in any way by anyone living there. It's quite simple — just treat these people with respect, leave them alone, and they'll do the same for you. If anything, homeless people residing there are part of the charm of the area — an urban experiment in seeing what happens to a space which is ignored by bureaucracy and civilization and left to the whims of the elements.

Does the Albany Police Department really mean to give our young people the message that it's all right to harass, taunt, and shoot BBs at other people so long as they're from a lower socioeconomic level than oneself? Not to mention shooting at innocent birds?

If the citizens of Albany really wish to do something useful to protect the City (and the rest of the Bay Area while they're at it) why not organize a Clean-Up Day to dispose of all the old discarded batteries scattered along the Bulb waterfront dropping toxic waste into our Bay? In the meantime, we encourage the Albany City Council to continue their reluctance to pass ordinances prohibiting sleeping on the Albany Bulb. We really don't need to spend our tax money on hassling the less fortunate and giving our kids the message that being destitute and growing marijuana is a far worse crime than shooting at other humans beings.

Carter Mehl, Anita...

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eller's market

High demand is creating some properties on residential and commercial sales in Albany

Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — City home owners are looking for a change of venue might now be the time to spruce up their house and move on, as a number of local Realtors report the real estate market in Albany is "red hot."

The pace with a recently reported 13.3 percent jump in the number of homes sold county-wide, units seem to be getting picked up almost as fast as they are put on the market. Fueled by the degree by Albany's reputation for fine schools, prospective buyers are wasting little time in looking over their checkbooks, in cases offering amounts above the owner has requested, according to agents.

"We're in an absolute craze," Realtor Diane Sindel. "The prices are definitely higher than they were. It's amazing."

The rental market has certainly picked up," says Allan Bolte, who manages the condominiums at the Summit Gateview complex at the Albany Hill.

Many commercial (property) owners are reporting a "crash" in demand," says long-time Realtor Jerome Blank. "People seem to be afraid of the economy any more. Right now, I'd say it's red hot."

Blank, for example, formerly on commercial property, has dabbled in the market for single family homes and that, in a scenario prospectors may dream about, seems at the moment to far outpace supply. In one case, he says, he had a bid for a three-bedroom home at full asking price days of it going on the market to find that three other bids had been submitted, all higher than

"They're getting good prices all over Albany," Blank says, adding that, from the point of view of those looking to move to town, "The market is a little too good."

Realtor Wendy Bakkanta tells a similar tale of a three-bedroom home, listed at \$289,000, which has already received five offers and drawn another half dozen interested parties. Sindel says she sold one home for \$27,000 over the asking price, and has found, as has Bakkanta, that homes in "move in condition," meaning they require little or no work, seem to be the hottest item in town.

Seller's market

While the times may be booming Bay Area wide, (only two counties reported a drop in the number of homes sold in April, only one a drop in average price), according to Sindel, who also works in Oakland and El Cerrito, Albany homes seem to be drawing more multiple offers than those in neighboring cities. At an open house last Sunday at a two-bedroom, two-bath MacGregor on Madison Street, well over a dozen persons showed up within the space of an hour, possible future Albanyans looking for that perfect pad in which to pass their years.

Among those strolling through were a number of typical Albany home seekers, young couples with or without children looking for that first abode to truly call their own. As any agent might note, however, those passing before the "For Sale" sign vary as widely as residents of the Bay Area.

One couple from San Francisco who did not yet have children said they were looking to escape the city's high rents (\$1,000 a month for a small one-bedroom apartment). A woman who already lives in Albany as a renter said she was looking



Greg Hugunin

This Madison Street home drew a series of inquiring people in the market of a new home at an open house last Sunday.

ing to stay because she has two children already attending Albany High School. One man who said he would be moving in by himself wondered what he would do with the extra bathroom. The Albany woman also learned that, as a possible homeowner, her first order of business would be to test, and maybe replace, her upper sewer lateral (Cost: \$1,800 to \$3,500 if work is necessary) in keeping with the city's sewer rehabilitation program.

Beyond the desire for a home already in good shape, prospective buyers also seem to favor houses either with three bedrooms or with extra space that can be converted into a sleeping area, agents say. In addition to bringing current residents new neighbors and a more leak-free sewer system, the real-estate boom is also pumping money

into city coffers as a result of Albany's .085 percent property transfer tax.

The tax, which has been raised twice during the 1990s (it was originally .044 percent) is borne equally by the seller and the buyer, according to City Administrator Daren Fields. While revenue generated by the tax fell to a seven-year low in fiscal year 1990/91 at \$190,000, it climbed to \$349,000 last year, with \$430,000 in revenue projected to come during the current fiscal year, which ends on June 30.

While home sales may be thriving, commercial real estate, particularly on Solano Avenue, is also in high demand, says Blank, adding that he has a number of prospective clients, from would-be restaurateurs to hopeful beauty parlor owners,

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City fire prevention programs

In my last column, I discussed our annual fire hazard abatement program, our city-wide effort at reducing fire hazards on property. The residential portion of that program is aimed at reducing and eliminating weeds, rubbish, litter and other flammable materials on property that pose fire hazards.

Another fire safety program is our residential smoke detector installation program.

Administered by the Fire Department, the program helps those members of our community who are at special risk — senior citizens and the physically challenged. This program aids our citizens by installing a smoke detector in their home. Thanks to the generous donations from our business community — Coast Federal Bank, Home Depot and Target, as well as the El Cerrito Professional Firefighters Association, we are able to offer one smoke detector per home for our special risk residents.

The smoke detector program is intended to reduce the incidence and severity of residential fires. About 71 percent of structural fires occur in residences, and residential fires are responsible for 78 percent of all fire fatalities. Nationwide, figures show that most fires happen while residents are asleep. Causes of residential fires vary from unattended cooking and smoking materials to combustibles too close to a heating source to some form of mechanical failure of an electrical or heating device.

Time and early intervention from the fire department are key to a safe escape and hopefully reduced damage. Fire can start in a remote area of a house or apartment and grow slowly, spreading its toxic smoke throughout the residence. The time frame from ignition of a fire to a flashover condition, where all combustibles in a room are ignited, is approximately 9 minutes. In other cases, the fire may never reach its victims. Smoke and gasses will move through a home much faster and

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easier than flames and heat and can overcome a sleeping individual or disorient or entrap someone.

Smoke detectors provide an early warning and can provide the margin of safety necessary for escape. Our goal in installing smoke detectors is limiting the risk of injuries and loss of life and property damage, especially for residents who are at special risk.

We are thankful for the generosity of our business community and firefighters, who will be installing the smoke detectors during their off hours. Because the need exceeds our resources, we'll continue to solicit contributions to further the success of this program. To obtain more information or to request installation of a smoke detector, call the Fire Department at 215-4450. And remember, if a wildfire threatens your home, or a fire erupts in your home or your smoke detector goes off, here are some safety tips: Make sure you know how to call for emergency assistance and can provide accurate directions to your residence; don't wait until the last minute to get out; give yourself plenty of time so there is still an available exit route from your home and/or neighborhood; take only what you can safely carry with you. Hopefully, you will have planned for such an emergency as part of your training with your Neighborhood Emergency Assistance Team (NEAT) program. If you and your neighborhood are still not organized for response and survival during an emergency, be it fire, flood, or earthquake, call the Fire Department at 215-4450 or Volunteer NEAT Coordinator Pat Cafiel at 525-7268.

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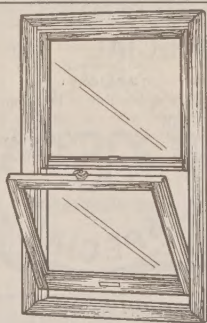
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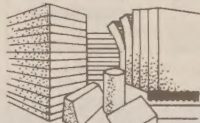
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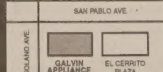
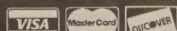


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(Left to right) Teacher Mark Brown and students Joseph Fahr, Nazaneen Moghadam, Ahmad Moghadam, Joshua Sokolski. Not pictured Kazumi Chin

Harding sends team to local chess championships

Congratulations to Harding Elementary School Chess Team, which qualified to enter for the first time the eleventh annual "Berkeley Chess School" team championships. The Event took place in the Pauley Ballroom at the Student Union building on the UC Berkeley campus 10:30 am - 5 pm on, May 31.

1997. Harding Chess Team in order of table are: Joseph Fahr, 6th grade; Kazumi Chin, 2nd grade; Nazaneen Moghadam, 3rd grade; Ahmad Moghadam, 2nd grade; Alternate: Joshua Sokolski, 2nd grade.

Chess teacher Mark Brown teaches students the basics of chess,

strategy and tactics.

They learn classic games in the history of chess which gives and helps the students an ideal way to carry out a game. This unique class is an after school program offered through The Berkeley Chess School as well as being the only El Cerrito public school to offer this program.

District debt refinance bill clears important hurdle in Assembly

By a 13 to 8 vote, Assemblywoman Dion Aroner's bill to refinance the debt owed by the WCCUSD to the state of California (AB 437) passed through the Assembly Appropriations committee last week. This was the second Assembly committee to give a favorable nod to the legislation as it had passed out of the Assembly Education committee earlier in the month. According to Aroner staff member Sherry Novick, the next step for the bill will be floor votes in the Assembly and Senate following consideration by the Senate Education Committee.

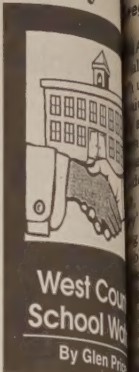
The WCCUSD is currently paying off millions of dollars in debt incurred when the district went bankrupt and was bailed out by the state. According to district estimates, debt repayment averages about \$125 per year per student. The original plan called for the WCCUSD to pay off \$42.5 million by Feb. 1, 2007 on a schedule requiring 13 annual payments of either \$1.9 million or \$5.6 million with funds coming from the district's general fund and proceeds from the sale of "surplus" properties.

Aroner's bill provides that rather than paying off the balance

of its state loan by Feb. 1, 2007, the district pay it off on Feb. 1, 2028 using a straight line loan amortization schedule over 30 years. Under Aroner's bill the annual loan repayment would be about \$1.3 million per year.

The bill now goes to the Assembly floor and the State Senate. Although voting on the bill has tended to break down along party lines, with Democrats in favor and Republicans against, when former Assemblyman Tom Bates was pursuing a similar measure last year several prominent Democratic state senators, including Tom Hayden of Los Angeles, voted against it in the Senate Education Committee.

If passed by the Assembly and Senate, the bill must be signed by Gov. Wilson. Novick indicated the fate of the bill will probably come down to whether Wilson is willing to modify in any way previous positions denying any type of flexibility to the district. "It comes down to whether the Governor is willing to let the district manage its debt," she noted, "and whether the district's track record repaying the debt and the sacrifices which students and



schools have had to be taken into account." We'll watch the progress of the bill in this column and appears that letters to legislators and the Governor help in any way.

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Albany PTA Council News

Thursday, June 5, 7 p.m.

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AMS Spring Concert

Saturday June 7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

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Monday June 9, 7:15 p.m.

AHS Library
AHS PTA Meeting

Contact: Rondi Hurihut, 526-4206

Tuesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Cornell Multi-use Room
Board of Education Meeting
Discussion items will include AHS budget issues and placement of portables.

Agenda available at AUDS office

Thursday, June 12, 8 p.m.

AHS Gym

Eighth grade promotion ceremony

Friday, June 13

Last day of school

Monday, June 16, 8 p.m.

Cornell Multi-use Room
Board of Education Meeting
Discussion items will include

AHS facilities

Agenda available at AUDS office

Tuesday, June 24, 7:30 p.m.

Cornell Multi-use Room
Board of Education Meeting
Discussion items will include budget for 1997 - 98

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Albany budget passes painlessly

Greg Hugunin

ALBANY — Setting forth on a road projected to remain until nearly the turn of the century, the City Council unanimously approved an operating budget for the next three years. In addition to the approving the 1997-98 landscaping and public hearing and held a second public hearing on minor adjustments to the Master Fee Schedule. In its gaze on the city's long-term financial health, the council took a small step down the road of development by designating boundaries of the Cleveland and Eastshore Highway redevelopment survey area.

At the budget hearing, which also included the city's five-year improvement program, was held in a three-part series. The council held a Saturday work session and a public hearing the following Monday, where council members seemed pleased with the projected, Albany's general fund will run \$69,000 in the black current fiscal year, with surplus of \$64,000 and nearly \$100,000 through fiscal year 1998-99, according to City Administration Fields, while the projected certainly better than those a few years ago, when it appeared to be in dire financial straits, the current positive gives the city very little room in striving for a general fund.

"This is a very thin surplus," Fields told the council.

Questions from the audience at the final budget hearing were few. Albany resident Bob Outis continued his quest to understand how the city is charting its Emergency Medical Services fund, while school Boardmember Bill Cain asked if the city has taken into account the small loss of revenue both the board and city will encounter when the "plateau" area of the waterfront is turned over to the East Bay Regional Park District (the city has, Fields said.) Albany resident Dario Meniketti brought up the city's property transfer and utility user taxes, which were raised a few years ago as a means of generating short-term revenue, drawing snickers from audience members when he asked if those taxes would be reduced. "We'll probably go right back underwater again if we do," said Mayor Bob Good.

According to Fields, while the increases were originally enacted as short-term measures, that was done in the context that a cardroom would open at the Golden Gate Fields racetrack. As there is currently no cardroom, the tax will most likely remain as it is.

Levies, fees, redevelopment

The council also turned its attention to the landscaping and lighting assessment, which will generate \$627,000 next fiscal year for projects such as street lights, park improvements and payment of the Community Center bond.

Moving with speed and dexterity, the council then moved on to

The council has set a special meeting on Monday, June 9 at 6 p.m. at City Hall to discuss a lease agreement with the school district for placement of portable classrooms at Memorial Park.

the Master Fee Schedule. Among the few changes made are language allowing the city to increase its sewer fees in 1998 and other minor adjustments, such as a 50-cent hike in parking violation fines.

The council then unanimously designated the boundaries of the Cleveland/Eastshore redevelopment survey area, which Community Development Director Bill Ekern called a first formal step toward creating a redevelopment zone. Ekern said the city would not use eminent domain powers on Cleveland Avenue, perhaps in response to some business owners from the street who have objected to their area being included, and the council approved the move by a 5-0 vote.

The council also announced a special meeting on Monday, June 9 at 6 p.m. at City Hall to discuss a lease agreement with the Albany Unified School District for placement of portable classrooms at Memorial Park. With nothing left on its agenda, the council then concluded the meeting barely an hour after it had started.

Police Reports

Employees thwart a.m. pizza parlor robbery

By Emily Lundberg

EL CERRITO — On June 2 at 8 a.m., police responded to a call from the employees at Chuck E. Cheese Pizza. Employees arriving at work saw someone in the back office, and feeling perhaps there was a crime in progress, called 911. Officers arriving at the scene encountered an armed and masked individual in the back office filling a bag full of money. Officers talked the gunman into surrendering without incident. The manager was found locked in a small cabinet in the office. The suspect was reportedly an ex-employee.

• An Albany man attempted to shoplift items from Lucky on June 1, at 1 p.m. On May 28, an El Cerrito woman entered Lucky, removed plastic bags from her purse and began stashing merchandise in the bags. She was apprehended while attempting to leave the store.

• On the 10200 block of San Pablo, on May 26, an unknown suspect smashed a vending machine

door with an unknown weapon, damaging the door. On May 23, on the 6000 block of El Dorado, an unknown suspect smashed the window of a postal truck while the mail carrier was on his route.

• On the 11900 block of San Pablo, on May 26, a San Pablo woman slashed all four tires and scratched the body of an '84 Olds Cutlass with an ice pick.

• On the 5800 block of San Diego St., on May 27, someone scratched the hood and the trunk of a '96 Ford Contour with an unknown object.

• An unknown suspect entered a business on the 5800 block of Cutting Blvd. on May 29 at 12:40 p.m. The suspect put on a piece of merchandise, a jacket, and ran out of the store without paying.

• Two suspects followed two juveniles for some time down Cutting on June 6 at 8:30 p.m. At Elm Street, the suspects blocked the path of the two juveniles and took a tape recorder from one of them.

• Two bicycles were stolen from

an unlocked garage on the 1400 block of Elm St. between June 27 and 28. A bicycle was stolen from a garage on the 2000 block of Mono between May 7 and 16. An abandoned bicycle was found on Clayton and Central on May 28. On May 15, on the 2300 block of Fern, a suspect entered a locked garage and stole a bicycle. On May 27, someone threw a bicycle over a fence and into the backyard of a residence on the 900 block of Liberty.

• On May 25, on the 2000 block of Tapscott, a suspect entered a carport where a resident was working and asked for a cigarette. When the resident went inside the residence to retrieve one, the suspect fled with the resident's bicycle. On May 24, a father reported that his son brought home a bicycle that did not belong to him.

• A '81 Toyota Corolla was stolen from the 400 block of Norvell on May 28. An '82 Toyota was recovered on the same day, on the 400 block of Norvell. On May 24, a

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Pair of juvenile bike thieves apprehended

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — On the evening of May 29 Albany officers responded to a report of two juveniles attacking an 11-year-old Albany boy on the 900 block of Adams Street and stealing his bike. They were gone when officers arrived. A short time later a call came in reporting two teens with a similar description stealing a bike from another 11-year-old Albany boy on Brighton Avenue, near Masonic Avenue. Again they were gone when officers arrived. A diligent search of the area found the culprits, two Oakland boys ages 12 and 15, near Solano and Evelyn. They were identified, arrested for robbery and released to their parents with a Notice to Appear.

• On the morning of May 26 officers stopped a black '90 Honda Prelude on Marin Avenue near Pomona Avenue for a vehicle code violation. A check of the driver, an Alameda man, found he had an outstanding warrant from Alameda. He

was also found to be driving with a suspended license. He was arrested and his vehicle was impounded.

• On the morning of May 26 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that his tan '82 Toyota Celica had been stolen while it was parked in front of his apartment complex. There were no witnesses.

• On the afternoon of May 26 Albany officers observed a 20-year-old Albany man climbing a chainlink fence surrounding the high school music room. He was arrested for trespassing, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

• On the morning of May 27 Albany officers assisted Alameda County Vector Control in a check and cleanup of the landfill because of unsanitary conditions due to transients living there. During the check several transients were arrested because of outstanding warrants and/or being in possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia.

• On the morning of May 28 the

owner of a business on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue reported that during the night thieves had broken into his shop and stolen various items.

• On the afternoon of May 30 Albany officers observed a 19-year-old Albany man riding his bike recklessly on the sidewalk on San Pablo Avenue. He was found to be intoxicated and in possession of alcohol and was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and resisting arrest. He was cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

• On the night of May 30 a resident on the 500 block of Kains Avenue reported that between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. someone stole her white '85 Toyota Camry parked in her driveway.

• On the evening of May 29 a resident on the 900 block of Adams Street reported that he observed eight to 13 black male juveniles steal a silver car parked near Adams and Buchanan streets. They were

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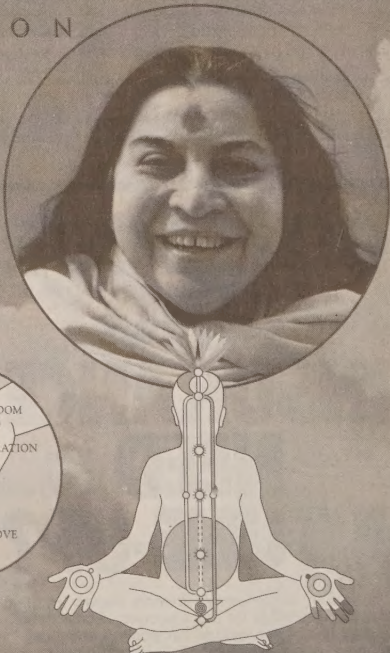
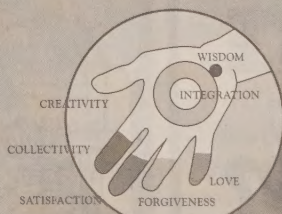


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'80 Toyota Corolla was stolen from the 6400 block of Knott Ave.

On the 700 block of Clayton on May 28, several neighbors reported that a man who lives in the neighborhood claimed to have shot a cat with a shot gun and buried it in his backyard. No such cat was found.

On the 5300 block of Cypress, a naked prowler exposed himself to the occupant of an apartment complex. The occupant reported the incident at 11:40 p.m. on May 27.

Two Richmond juveniles were detained after they were found driving a stolen vehicle down I-80 on May 25 at 1:55 a.m.

Two El Cerrito men were arrested for possession of a concealed, loaded firearm found in the glovebox of their vehicle on May 12, at 12:30, at Pomona and Eureka.

A Vallejo man was found to be driving under the influence at the corner of San Pablo and Manila on May 23 at 1:45 a.m. On May 21, again at 1:45 a.m., an Oakland female was pulled over at San Pablo and El Dorado and was found to be driving under the influence. On May 26, at 2:16 a.m., at San Pablo and Potrero, an Oakland woman was pulled over and found to be driving under the influence.

An unknown suspect approached an Oakland woman on the BART path on May 17 at 9:40 a.m. He grabbed the woman's breast as he passed. On May 27 at 11:35 a.m., an unknown suspect approached an El Cerrito woman on the BART path, between Schmidt and Portola, and grabbed her breast. On the BART path between Potrero and Manila, on May 27, an unknown suspect fondled another woman's breast. A female juvenile came forward on May 23 and said that four weeks ago, on the BART

path south of Manila, a suspect hit her in the face, knocked her unconscious, and may have raped her.

On May 22, during a routine traffic stop, on the corner of Central and San Pablo, a Berkeley man was found to be in possession of an explosive device.

Between May 25 and 26, on the 800 block of Arlington, the left rear window of a Mazda was smashed and the in-dash stereo removed.

Someone attempted to enter a residence on the 800 block of Shevlin Dr. by first kicking a hole through plywood, to enter the basement, and by then trying to go through a window. The attempted burglary occurred on May 23 and was reported on May 24.

A home on the 1300 block of Brewster Court was ransacked May 23 after a suspect entered an unlocked back door. Several items of electronic equipment were taken.

Someone entered an unlocked home on the 8600 block of Don Carol Drive May 22, rifled through the residence, took some property and fled.

There was one incident of domestic violence.

A ring was found in a food store on the 10600 block of San Pablo Ave. on May 23.

Blotter

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gone when officers arrived. On the afternoon of May 31 CHP located the car in Contra Costa County. The owner was notified.

Shortly after midnight on June 1 officers contacted a group of juveniles acting suspiciously and one in the group was swinging a baseball bat in a threatening manner. The youth with the bat was a 14-year-old Oakland boy who had al-

Local artists participating in open studios even

Thirteen artists in the West Contra Costa County area will be opening their work spaces to the public in conjunction with Pro Arts 15th annual open studios on June 14 to 15 and 21 to 22 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. They are part of the nearly 400 artists throughout the Bay Area who will be participating in Open Studios, the highlight of the East Bay visual arts calendar. Samples of their work will be hung at the Pro Arts Gallery at 461 Ninth St., Oakland, through June 22. Some artists are open the first weekend, and some are open both.

The "Top of the Map Artists" are

located at the very top of the Pro Arts map and appear to be a long distance from Pro Arts in Oakland. The artists in this group produce an outstanding quality of professional work. They invite everyone to visit their studios, and want their community to become familiar with their local artist. The artist in the "Top of the Map" group include the following:

Tina Amadon: Mixed-media, first weekend; 438 35th St., Richmond.

Geefwee Boedoe and Laurey Foulkes: Painting and sculpture/mixed media; first weekend; 1213

King Dr., El Cerrito
Judy Ginsberg: Monotypes, painting and sculpture; first weekend; 1015 Arlington, El Cerrito.

Catherine Campaigne: Ritual bowls and handmade books; first weekend; 835 Peralta Ave., Berkeley.

Stan Cardinet: Paintings and fountains; both weekends, Sundays only; 725 Everett St., El Cerrito

Isabelle Guyon: Painting; first weekend; 955 Creston Rd., Berkeley.

Teresa Holtgraves: Sculpture; both weekends; 920 Curtis St., Albany.

Lisa Anaya: Painting; first weekend; 721 Hill Berkeley.

Pamela Johnson: mixed-media; first weekend; Colusa Ave., Kensington

Marianne Kelle: printmaking; first weekend; Pomona, El Cerrito

Janice Maupin: sculpture; first weekend; 15th St., El Cerrito

Danielle Shelly: works on paper; first weekend; Highgate Rd., Kensington

For information, call Pro Arts at 763-4361.

Bernes Scholarships awarded to 11 area students

The West Contra Costa Retired Teachers, Division 58, awarded August L. Bernes scholarships to 11 graduating seniors of the West Contra Costa Unified School District. These Scholarships are in the amount of \$1,500 each, and are given in recognition of exemplary leadership service to school and community. The following students have received scholarships:

Massuda Atta of El Cerrito High
Erica Chung, El Cerrito High
Helen Claudio, JFK High
Ravjeet Kullar, Pinole Valley High

Amanda Lam, Pinole Valley High

Fidel Lirio, De Anza High
Darren Ng, De Anza High
Gelberg Rodriguez, Den Anza High

SiJing Tan, El Cerrito High

Christopher Tong, Pinole Valley High

Peggy Tsai, El Cerrito High
The Scholarships honor August L. Bernes, a respected leader in the Richmond community, the schools, and the Retired Teachers. Mr. Bernes died in 1977. Since his death, the local Retired Teachers organization has given a total of 170 awards totaling \$149,750.

cohol on him. He was arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and for carrying a weapon and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear. The remainder of the group was advised to depart.

During the week of May 26 Albany officers fingerprinted nine people at their request, towed three cars, responded to 13 false alarms, intervened in 29 domestic situations, attended to six lost or injured

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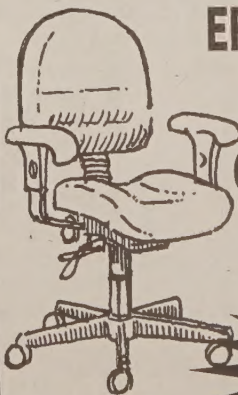
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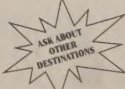
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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinternick

Chamber is planning two special events this month

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce is busy preparing for two special events scheduled for this month.

The first is a mixer to be held on June 19 at the recently opened El Cerrito Mill and member store at 10812 San Pablo Avenue. Jack Freethy invites all Chamber members to join him in celebrating the 75th anniversary of the firm, and to view first hand the recently completed remodeling of the establishment.

While an R.S.V.P. to the mixer is not required, it would be helpful in planning for this

This will be the final business meeting of the Chamber before the summer break. The next session will not be held until Sept. 22.

Membership reinvestments

The Chamber appreciates the reinvestments in membership of the following: Foley and Bonny; Brookside Hospital, San Pablo; California Federal Bank; GTE Moblenet, Concord; Collins Property Management; Innocom Systems, Inc.; Intertute, Inc.; CFC Corporation, Mill Valley; Klem Schmidt, Associate.

New Councilmember calls for cooperation

Newly appointed City Councilman Mark Friedman, in a speech last week to the Chamber of Commerce, called on everyone in El Cerrito to "work together to meet the difficult challenges that face us."

Admitting he didn't have all the answers, Friedman said: "I hope we can work together to improve conditions here. Community planning is needed to improve the quality of life. Business, citizens and government are going to have to come together and reach decisions that a majority of the community can accept."

Friedman, who moved to El Cerrito in 1989, told the business group he hoped they felt that he

was someone they could talk to and said he is "someone who would listen."

He added that city government was making an effort to be more friendly to business and to the general public.

In discussing the city's redevelopment plan, Friedman declared that redevelopment was a tool that had to be used "judiciously."

In many cities, he explained, the drive to increase sales tax revenue has led to more redevelopment plans.

On the hot issue of housing at El Cerrito Plaza, Friedman said he felt a quality housing project could be a real benefit to business.

"But," he added, "this is still an open question in the community."

Opinion survey of members

Members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce are now being asked to voice their views on a wide range of organizational and civic issues.

In a survey mailed out this week, the business people are being asked to express their opinion on such matters as the role of the Chamber in the city, to their ideas on redevelopment and the responsiveness of the Council to the needs of the business community.

In urging everyone to fill out and return the survey as soon as possible, Chamber manager

Sewall Glinternick pointed out the information was necessary to give both his organization's leaders and city officials "a clear picture of what business wants for El Cerrito."

"This survey," Glinternick said, "is a key part of the Chamber and the city's efforts to establish a clear line of communication between our two groups. With the results of this survey in hand, the Chamber will be in a much better position to inform city officials about the desires of the business community."

Glinternick went on to report that city officials who had discussed the survey with Chamber representatives favored extending its coverage to everyone who holds a business license in El Cerrito.

"If response to the survey of members is good," Glinternick said, "the Chamber of Commerce will bend every effort to meet the city's request and extend the study."

Some of the questions asked in the survey sent out this week include:

- Has the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce served the best interests of the existing businesses in this city?
- How big a role do you feel the Chamber should play on City Council and Redevelopment Agency matters that effect the future of the business community.
- Has the El Cerrito redevelopment program served the best



A trio of past chamber presidents were on hand to congratulate jockey Rafael Meza for riding Bullfighter to victory in the May 21 El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce Handicap at Golden Gate Fields. Pictured, from left to right, are: Chamber manager Sewall Glinternick, and past presidents Rena Bruton, Marian Erickson and Verne Odlin. They were among the party of 45 members and guests who participated in the chamber's annual Day at the Races. Everyone enjoyed a delightful lunch in the track's VIP Directors' Lounge, followed by the races. Some even went home winners.

interests of the existing businesses in this city?

• Do you feel the El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency is being run in an economically sound manner?

• Do you feel housing should be included in the redevelopment plan for El Cerrito Plaza?

• Do you favor construction of a 20-screen movie theater at the Del Norte BART station?

• Do you feel the El Cerrito City Council has been responsive

to the needs of the business community?

Members were also asked to suggest things the Chamber, the council and the Redevelopment Agency could do to improve conditions for the business community.

Member campaigns against Plaza housing

A one-women campaign to block construction of housing at

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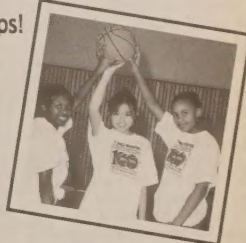


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Teacher feature

Go see the mural, but first meet Portola School's art instructor

By Linda Goldfarb

EL CERRITO — The black and white orca appeared to be slipping effortlessly through the sapphire blue water as vegetation bobbed in its wake. The smaller sea life froze as the huge mammal passed through their midst....

Looking for an outing with the kids? Go see the mural. Want to have a cultural experience that's nearby and free? Go see the mural. Like to have your faith in "kids these days" restored? Go see the mural. Just what is the mural? It's a wonderful work of art created entirely by the talented hands of the students in Susan Wehrle's Portola Middle School Advanced Art class. The mural, depicting marine life replete

with a life-sized whale, spans the 37-foot west wall just outside Room 300 on Portola Street.

"I always knew I wanted to be an artist," says Wehrle as she scurries around washing up brushes and cleaning plastic paint buckets.

Wehrle grew up in the Bay Area, attending Menlo-Atherton High School and earning her degree in ceramics and sculpture from San Francisco State. "After I got my credential, the only job I was able to get was teaching cooking, sewing, and history at Berkeley High's West Campus. After that, I taught Physical Education at Helms and Adams before being offered a position as an art teacher at Portola."

Wehrle teaches one advanced and four beginning art classes. "It's im-

portant to me to offer my kids a wide variety of experience in art." The day I visited, the walls of her classroom were decorated with colorful African papier-mache masks. "Before we began the project, I had the class look at slides of African art and asked them to draw elements of anything that caught their eyes. This teaches them to pay attention to what they're seeing, which is how you learn to appreciate art."

As in many districts, funds are limited. In order to be able to take on a large-scale project such as the mural, Wehrle applied for and received funds from the Education Fund Grant. It was important to her to be able to show the community that students are willing to put time and energy into projects that help

beautify the school. "I hope that when local businesses see these efforts, they'll be willing to make donations—which are tax-deductible," she emphasized. "We could sure use the money for future projects. You can print that," she said with a smile.

In addition to teaching 150 students each day, Wehrle acts as Chair of the District's Art Teachers, has spent the last seven years as one of Portola's union representatives, serves on the Middle School Task Force, and is the parent of Rebecca, a 5th grader at Harding School.

I asked some of the students what their favorite art project had been this past year. "The mural," Susana Corral replied immediately; the sentiment was echoed by her twin sister, Rosalba. By the way, if you



decide to get into "mural viewing," check out the murals on the side of Toot Sweets Bakery (Gilman Street) and the building housing SemiFreddi's (Colusa Circle). These works of art were created by Susan's

husband, John.

This will be the last mural for the school this great summer.

Chamber

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El Cerrito Plaza, conducted by an Associate Member of the Chamber of Commerce, is off to a smashing start.

Margie Myers reports in the first 10 days over 200 El Cerrito residents have signed her petition opposing housing at the Plaza.

Such housing, Myers' petition declares, "would cause the loss of sales tax revenue to the city, resulting in either increased taxes or reduced services."

According to a notice sent out recently by the city concerning a draft environmental impact report

on redevelopment of the shopping center, the proposal being considered is described in the following manner:

"Through a combination of rehabilitation, demolition and reconstruction, retail space will be reduced by about 25 percent and multi-family housing will be introduced."

"On my block there were a number of senior citizens who couldn't get to any of the meetings concerning the future of the Plaza," Myers explained. "When I told them about the proposal to construct housing there, they all said 'no way.' That's what

prompted me to start circulating my petition.

"So far, everyone I have approached — without exception — has been opposed to housing at the Plaza. In fact, several people have said they would sign my petition twice if they could. What they want is a bigger, more modern shopping center at the Plaza — just that, and nothing more."

Support for Meyers, who is new to the field of political activism, is beginning to grow. She reports that several community members have come forward with offers to assist in circulating

the petitions, and that her efforts are being encouraged by the El Cerrito Citizens' Alliance.

She also revealed that she would soon be circulating a second anti-housing petition which people from neighboring communities who come here to shop could sign.

Both petitions, Myers added, would be submitted to the El Cerrito City Council shortly after action on the draft environmental impact report on the Plaza is completed.

Meanwhile, Myers urged any citizens interested in collecting signatures to contact her by

telephoning 525-8682. Those wishing to add their name to the no-housing document can now find petitions in most El Cerrito Plaza businesses, she announced.

Member changes companies

El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce member Harold B. Jamison, formerly with Edward B. Jones Co. in Del Norte Place, is now working through the M. A.

Hays Company.

The shift, according to Jamison, was made so he could both continue his career as an independent insurance and investment consultant and serve his clients.

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By Robert Smith, M.D.

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If the problem is causing you to worry a lot, you ought to talk to your doctor about it. While it can be a difficult thing for some men to discuss, in fact that's an important first step. Most impotence can be treated, but only if you take that first step.

Lots of things can cause erection problems. Many men have trouble when they're tired or depressed. Simply worrying too much about getting an erection can cause problems as well.

However, most erection problems have a physical cause, and one of the most common is clogged arteries. Men who eat too many fatty foods and don't get enough exercise are most at risk. Deposits of cholesterol build up in blood vessels and harden into plaque. This narrows blood vessels and makes it hard for blood to get through. Arteries anywhere in the body can clog up this way, but if an artery that supplies blood to your penis narrows, then blood can't get through the vessels to create an erection. Smoking cigarettes or drinking too much alcohol can also cause impotence. So can some drugs used to treat health problems such as high blood pressure.

The first step in preventing or treating erection problems is to get healthy and stay healthy. That means cutting the fats in your diet and getting plenty of exercise. This will help keep your arteries from clogging up in the first place. Even if you already

have a problem with narrowed arteries, a healthy diet and plenty of exercise can help open them up. If you smoke, then do everything you can to quit. If you drink, drink moderately, no more than two drinks a day.

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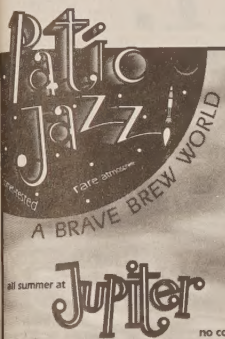
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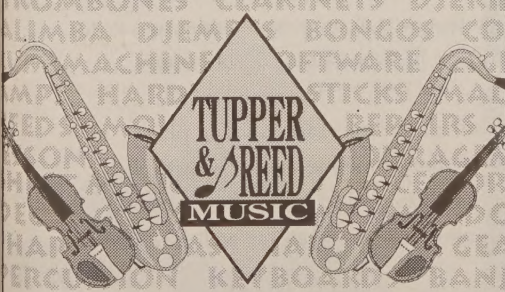
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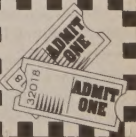
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Tilden Park's naturalist combines love of people, love of nature

Alan I. Kaplan has been the Naturalist in Tilden Park for almost 25 years. And a very popular fixture there. Everytime I have mentioned him since my interview with him, people have said, "Oh, yes, I know him. He is really good."

Although he has no children himself (but does have four cats) he enjoys working with kids, especially teaching and taking them on tours. He has a regular schedule: On Mondays the Nature Center is closed for preparations. On Tuesday through Friday he does tours, mostly for school children in the grades 2-4. At times he does kindergarten and first graders, but he feels they are not as ready for learning about nature as the older ones. He also leads walks and tours for high school and colleges level students as well as adults, although these are usually earlier in the morning.

On weekends he leads hikes for the general public, gives slide shows and leads tours through the park and into the Botanical Gardens. He is pleased there is now a docent program in the gardens, which relieves him of some of the work. He trains the docents and the volunteer leaders.

But there is more to Kaplan than this. He takes a great interest in how children respond to nature and how they learn. He has led workshops in the Piaget method of teaching. Piaget discovered that younger children respond differently to insects (for instance) feeling that all small insects are "babies" and all larger insects are "mommies and daddies". As a teacher he must respond to these images, and to how children learn at different stages of their development.

"I have always been interested in children," he says, ever since, as a high school graduate "I went to work as a camp counselor at a camp for emotionally disturbed children. I have continued working with children with various disabilities since then." He has worked with deaf children from a school in Oakland, as well as with emotionally disturbed children in the area. "Working with these kids is a challenge for me," he says.

"In the camp I was a nature counselor," he remembers, and "When I came to Berkeley and got paid for the for job in the nature

area I was surprised to learn there were people who did this nature counseling for a living," and he adds, "I was lucky to be able to take this job and turn it into a profession."

Kaplan's degree is in Entomology, and so he receives many calls about insects such as termites, killer bees and such. "It is a wonderful melding of my life and my work."

Alan Kaplan was born in New York and is a "proud graduate of the Bronx High School of Science."

He came to California to attend UC-Berkeley where, as noted, he studied entomology, graduated in that science and worked at Sunol and then Tilden, where he happily remains.

He has trained docents for the Sacramento Zoo, State Capitol Museum, the Lindsay Museum and for the UC Botanical Garden. He gives workshops and does program planning for the Forest Service and the National Park Service. He gives Summer Science Programs and writes articles for various publications.

He also takes an interest in the people he meets in the park. I first heard from Kaplan when he wrote to me about a disabled artist who was planning an open house in his studio. He hoped I could give this man some publicity and let people know about him and his work. I was happy to do so, and found the man as interesting as Kaplan said he was. It is this kind of empathy that is so typical of the man.

A happy man

Kaplan has other interests. He became interested in Demonstration Dancing because of his former wife, and contues to do it, including dancing every year at the Solano Stroll. He also enjoys gardening, and is currently improving the native plant population in his garden. And he loves to read. He says if he had a second career it would be as a librarian, where he could use his love of books and information.

He contues his Summer Science Program, and will hold it again this summer, in a series of day long and week long sessions in the Tilden Nature Area. It is for kids 9 to 12 years old and, he says, there is still room in the classes. Interested people are invited to call the Park District at 636-1684.

And Alan Kaplan is a happy man. Happy in his life and in his work which, as noted, are blended. The winners here are the people whom he teaches, leads and hikes with, for they are the recipients of his knowledge, understanding and enthusiasm for everything to do with nature and with people.

He is also enthusiastic about my columns, which, of course, pleases me very much.

I have mentioned before how people who are enthusiastic about what they do really turn me on. Another case in point is Maurice Newburn, proprietor of M. C. Newburn books in Albany. Newburn loves books. And he loves authors. And he loves people. All of this is apparent when you speak with him. But more than that, it is apparent when he holds one of his afternoons or evenings with local writers.

Recently he had an afternoon with some of the Mystery Writers of America. We have many mystery writers in our area, and I have introduced many of them to you in these columns. At this afternoon the writers and their followers happily interacted around a bountiful snack table and his special section of books by local mystery writers.

I was reminded how many of them we have, and how many of them are women. In fact, when I spoke with one of them, Susan Dunlap (who has a new book out) I realized how very long ago I had met and written about her. We must bring her up to date soon.

There were also new and just beginning authors, including one who has submitted her first book to publishers and is anxiously awaiting their response. She, too, will be introduced to you soon.

We do have such fascinating people living amongst us.

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



As noted above, I met Alan Kaplan when he called me about another interesting person. It was obvious to me then that he, too, was most interesting. I have enjoyed my meeting with him.

And, as always, I invite all of you to do the same. Give me your suggestions: interesting people, events, organizations, travels. They do not have to be deep or serious. I have enjoyed the lighter side with some of you, as well as many serious subjects.

Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706, or call me at 525-4585. My email is crgenser@aol.com.

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Children's Fairyland comes alive Saturday



Lori Moiti, guitar and vocals, and R.J. Johnson, bass, piano, harmonica, drums and guitar, will star at Fairyland's evening concert June 7.

On Saturday, June 7 from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m., Fairyland will host KTVU's "Kid's Club Hosts — Cotton Candy Express!"

The concert titled "Fairyland Fantasy Nights," will be first in an ongoing agenda of night shows in the park featuring the finest of the children's performers from the Bay Area.

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(Left) Dana Shawn Stevens, Jonathon Finlayson and Justin of the Berkeley High Jazz Band.

Final concert before jazz band takes flight

The Berkeley High School Jazz Band will give its final concert before leaving for the Montreux Jazz Festival, tonight, June 5, at Little Theater, Allston Way at Milvia Street at 7:30 p.m. The band has raised \$50,000 to date from community concerts and other donations to help pay their way to Switzerland.

Grassroots garden/park tour set

The Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture will sponsor a grassroots tour of gardens and parks in Berkeley on June 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include over 30 parks and gardens in Berkeley and Oakland. The event will include gardening instructions and education, produce and plant sales and presentations about each site. All tours leave from Halcyon Commons between Webster and Prince streets at 11 a.m. A guided tour will also be offered for \$10 per person leaving at 9:30 a.m. A free electric bus tour leaving at 10 a.m. Bus tours require reservations call 644-6398 for the electric bus or 526-2788 for the guided tour of school gardens or more information about the tour.

Berkeley Arts Festival happenings

June 5-12 is the second week of the Berkeley Arts Festival, a month-long celebration of music, visual arts, theater, and literature taking place at various locations in the city. Below is a list of highlights.

HOME CONCERTS/ OPEN STUDIOS

June 7-8: **Ariel's Situation Room: War.** Saturday and Sunday, 3-6 p.m., 1001 Cragmont Ave.

Paintings by Mary Holmes. Chamber Arts, 2924 Ashby Ave., 8873.

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June 8-July 12, **Viva! A Celebration of Three Decades at the Berkeley Art Center.** Featuring various artists. 1275 Walnut St., Tuesday-Sunday, 12-5 p.m., 644-6893.

SPECIAL EVENTS

June 7-8, **Live Oak Park Fair.** 100 artist's booths, music, food, music. At Berryman St., 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 986-9337.

MUSIC

June 7, **Pacific Mozart Ensemble, A Cappella Jazz and Pop.** Performances from modern rock, jazz, and popular music. 5 p.m., Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., 415-646-0508.

June 10, **Brown Bag Lunch Concerts.** Pianist Jerry Kuderna. Berkeley Store Gallery Annex, 2295 Shattuck Ave., 665-9496.

June 12, **Freight and Salvage Anniversary Night.** 8 p.m., 1111 Mission St., 548-1761.

VISUAL ARTS

June 5, **Berkeley Art Museum.** Tour of Rosa Lee Tompkins exhibition, with curator Lawrence Rinder. 12:15 p.m.

June 8, lecture by Eli Leon, **Models in the Mind: African Prototypes in American Patchwork.** 3 p.m., 2625 Bancroft Way, 642-0808.

THEATER

June 9, 16, 23, **Berkeley Store Theater.** *Love Song Later*, a one-act show written and performed by Frank Worsham. 8 p.m., 2295 Shattuck Ave., 665-9496.

June 6-7, **La Peña.** *Bible Belt and Other Accessories.* One-man show with Paul Bonin-Rodriguez. 8 p.m., 3105 Shattuck Ave., 849-8873.

LITERARY EVENTS

June 5, **A reading in support of Wei Jingsheng.** Co-sponsored by Poetry International. 7:30 p.m., Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave., 845-7852.

June 9, **Poetry,** moderated by Richard Silberg. Featuring various poets. 7-9 pm, Berkeley Repertory Theater, 2025 Addison St., 549-8873.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

June 7, **Jose-Luis Orozco.** Bilingual family sing-along. 9:45 and 11 a.m., La Peña Cultural Center, 3104 Shattuck Ave., 525-7966.

June 1, **Chalk Art and Jazz.** At the playground at the Berkwood School. Kids draw while listening to Matthew Goodheart's music. 1 p.m., 1809 Bancroft Way, 883-6990. Free.



Portrait of Bread, photography by Mark Swartz

Faces of the Holocaust: photodigitography

In *Faces of the Holocaust*, on view at the Judas Magnes Museum, photographer Mark Swartz employs creative techniques of photodigitography to turn archival photographs into new

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Storytelling becomes compelling history

'Having Our Say: The Delany Sisters' First 100 Years,' by Emily Mann, directed by Roberta Levitow; Berkeley Repertory Theatre, through July 6; 845-4700.

By Don McConnell

The Berkeley Rep's final production of the 1996-97 season is a fascinating and important work on many levels. It's also an engrossing evening of theater; though, for reasons that aren't clear to me, it fails to engross a good many of those who go to see it.

The play lets us spend an afternoon with two sisters, both past 100, who tell us tales about their lives. It's based on the book of the same name, a non-fiction memoir of Sarah and Bessie Delany, written with Amy Hill Hearth, which was a best-seller when published in 1993.

The non-fiction basis of the play is essential to its fascination; a play with the same dialogue but created by a younger person would hold little interest. As it is, *Having Our Say* has a stamp of authenticity that makes you pay attention even when the dramatic pace occasionally falters—as it's bound to in a 2 1/2-hour evening of storytelling.

Visiting them at home We listen to the sisters talk—often finishing each other's sentences or taking over a story from each other—the way a long-married couple might. They are at home in their modest bungalow in a New York suburb. Nobody comes to visit; nobody calls on the phone (their refusal to own a telephone is one of the funnier bits).

A friend who saw it with me

(one of those definitely not engrossed) kept hoping desperately for more action. Yet, for me, the stories are enough; and the production adds sufficient visual interest. Three rooms of the house—each created in great detail—are perched on a turntable. As the afternoon wears on, we follow the sisters as they prepare for a family dinner; ultimately spending most of their time in the kitchen, slicing, dicing and garnishing.

The visual interest is also enlivened by the projection of photographs above the stage—the same photos that the sisters are showing us below on the stage.

Older than Jim Crow

The lack of a single focus might be seen as a fault; the reminiscences ramble all over the place. Yet the variety of subjects is what gives the play such richness.

The major theme is race. The Delany sisters are the daughters of a slave; their father was 17 at the time of Emancipation. Their mother came from several generations of racial intermarriage and skirting of race laws. This part of the narrative presents historic data that will be new to almost all in the audience.

They remember life before the passage of Jim Crow laws enforcing segregation. They tell of their first encounter, as young girls, with separate "colored" and "white" drinking fountains.

Bessie waited till no one was looking, then broke the color line: "I'm going to get me some white water," she said to herself, later realizing, "It tasted just the same."

(Anyone who thinks we've learned this particular history lesson might recall the anti-gay Jim Crow laws being passed today in state after state.)

As the sisters reveal more of their family history, we learn that



Sadie (Delores Mitchell), left, comforts Bessie (Vinie Burrows).

they are pioneers—their father was the first black elected an Episcopal bishop; Bessie the first black woman licensed as a dentist in New York; Sarah (called Sadie in the play) the first black teacher in a white New York public high school.

In the second act, we learn that they were something more—play-

ers in history. Moving from North Carolina (where Sadie was a friend of Booker T. Washington), the Delanys settle in Harlem in the 1920s, and their circle of friends includes many of the most influential figures of the era—the poet James Weldon Johnson, the activ-

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Authors tout mind/body program for fertility

Method intended to combat severance of mind from body under standard treatment

By Barbara L. Sloane

THE LANGUAGE OF FERTILITY By Niravi B. Payne, M.S., and Brenda Lane Richardson (Harmony Books, 288 pages, \$25.)

The sub-title to *The Language of Fertility* promises "A Revolutionary Mind-Body Program for Conscious Conception." This is a tantalizing prospect for the estimated 10 million American couples (one in six couples, or 15 percent) who are experiencing difficulty conceiving a child.

Niravi Payne is a practicing psychotherapist, biofeedback specialist and the founder and director of The Whole Person Fertility Program in Brooklyn, New York. Her co-author, Brenda Lane Richardson, is a Piedmont resi-

dent known for her work as a journalist and as the author of *Chesapeake Song*, a novel, and *Love Lessons: A Guide to Transforming Relationships* co-authored with Dr. Brenda Wade.

Richardson admits to skepticism when first approached about working with Payne on the fertility book. Before accepting the commission she spent six weeks observing the psychotherapist at work and interviewing her clients.

As she says, "The idea that talk-therapy could have such a profound affect on a woman or man that the end result was pregnancy and eventually a healthy baby seemed so far fetched."

However, her observations persuaded her of the mind-body approach's results. For 18 months she and Payne researched the book, and the final product is de-

signed to convince frustrated prospective parents that there may be hope for them.

Early in the book the authors make it clear that mind-body fertility therapy is not meant to supplant medical procedures. The therapy may be used in conjunction with such treatments or alone.

The mind-body approach is intended to combat the standard method of severing the emotions and the mind from the body. As Christiane Northrup, M.D., author of *Women's Bodies, Women's Wisdom* writes in the foreword to *The Language of Fertility*, the usual approach leaves a patient feeling "victimized by one's body and by one's hormones."

Payne avoids using the term "infertile" and emphasizes the expression "language of fertility," which she sees as a broader process of nature, an abundant, fruitful and ongoing life process.

The Whole Person Fertility Pro-

gram is designed to help the client (or reader of this book) (1) explore conscious and unconscious childhood memories and experiences, (2) work through long-forgotten painful memories with emotional-release techniques, (3) listen to the body's messages and (4) become aware of true feelings.

To provide the framework, Payne encourages keeping a self-discovery journal, in which the participant records unexpressed emotions on a daily basis. There are also a number of visualization exercises included throughout the book to guide the reader on this path of self-discovery.

An important activity which Payne considers essential to the mind-body program is the mapping of an ephigram. This is an emotional/physical family health history that lays out the interconnections and interdependencies of

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Meg Ryan and Matthew Broderick star in the film.

'Love' shows revenge no longer on the fringe

By Renata Pott

Sam (Matthew Broderick) is an astronomer so in love with Lisa (Kelly Preston) that every noon, no matter what universe-shaking events are going on in the heavens, he focuses his telescope on her.

Lisa, Sam's girlfriend from the time they were kids in their small midwestern town, adores her "milky way man" too—until she gets a chance to take a job in New York for a couple of months. He's against her going; she says she'll do what he wants; in the next shot, she's on the plane to the Big Apple.

Added to *Love*, directed by Griffin Dunne, also stars Meg Ryan as Maggie, a photographer and collage artist, and French actor Tcheky Karyo (*The Return of Martin Guerre*, *La Femme Nikita*) as Anton, the object of her affections. But the moment you spot Ryan in black leather, the dark roots of her hair showing, you can tell this isn't going to be your

typical Meg Ryan comedy. Meg Ryan in a tight leopard-print tank top? No, this is not *Sleepless in Manhattan*.

Sam and Maggie end up in the same abandoned building across the street from their ex-lovers, who have moved in together, and what Sam and Maggie do to those exes isn't friendly. They stalk, they eavesdrop, they wreak mayhem. Sam installs a camera obscura—a primitive camera-like device that projects a magnified image—and Maggie bugs their apartment.

Sam, in his scientific fashion, tracks and charts every kiss, every hug, every smile, trying to predict just when Linda will lose interest in Anton. Maggie's aims are more straightforward: "I don't want him back—I just want him vaporized." For this, she'd like Sam's cooperation, and the mild-mannered Sam eventually agrees. I'll skip the details of the breaking

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East Bay Events

evocations of the Holocaust. The Magnes Museum is located at 2911 Russell St. and is open Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The showing will begin June 8 and continues through Aug. 30. For more information call the museum at 549-6950.

Graphics on display at Espresso Roma

A display of Tom Siporin's drawings from the second annual Berkeley Free Folk Festival is currently at Espresso Roma Gallery at 1540 Hopkins St. through July 3. A reception for the artists will be held this evening from 5 to 7 p.m. Call 653-7467 for more information.

The drawings were part of the folk festival which ended May 18 and was dedicated to slain club owner/activist David Nadel. Performers ranged from Celtic bands to Chilean balladeers, Wobbly raconteurs, Mandolin orchestra, gospel messengers, folk stairists, Japanese street musicians, bluegrass fiddlers, blues walters and '60s protest singers. Siporin designed the festival's poster, *Homage to David Nadel*.

Fertility

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three generations — the reader and siblings, her parents and their siblings, and grandparents.

The authors of *The Language of Fertility* wisely include many real-life stories of men and women that Payne has helped work through their fertility problems. An entire chapter is devoted to one such couple.

By following the therapy program undertaken by Alexandra, age 36, and her husband Cyril, 38, the reader receives a vivid example of the type of counseling and individual application required by the Whole Person Fertility Program. Married six years, Alexandra and Cyril desperately wanted a child. The authors describe carefully but succinctly the emotions uncovered in the relationships between Alexandra and her parents, Alexandra and her sister, and Alexandra and Cyril as the program unfolded.

Alexandra's story ended happily with the conception and birth of a baby daughter 18 months after starting work with Payne. However, the authors emphasize that whether or not a child is conceived, the process can lead to a better understanding and acceptance of one's self and one's relationships to others in the family.

Payne's book also deals with some other specific reproductive issues, such as miscarriages and the inability to conceive a second child. A special chapter for men is entitled "Men's Fertility Issues: The Emotional Connection."

The final section of *The Language of Fertility* focuses on healing the whole family. Again Payne reiterates the importance to a couple of recognizing "this powerful connection between their parental conditioning and the health of their relationship."

Lest any reader see Payne's approach as yet one more attempt to tie all problems to our parents' influence, she ends *The Language of Fertility* with a visualization exercise designed to help the participant honor her mother and father through focusing on their most positive characteristics.

Payne's long-term vision is for a network of mind-body fertility therapists and for the incorporation of such therapy in medical fertility programs. This book raises an intriguing and optimistic possibility for such a future.

Niravi Payne will appear at Barnes and Noble, Jack London Square on June 25 at 7:30 p.m. and in Berkeley, June 24 at Gaia Books, 7:30 p.m.

Love

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and entering, the rotten strawberries, and the cockroaches.

Something weird is happening to American romantic comedies, and it's called "revenge." Look at *The First Wives' Club*, *Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion*, and now *Addicted to Love*: They've all taken a page out of juvenile mayhem movies like *Home Alone* and laced them with an extra dollop of Schadenfreude — joy at the expense of another person's suffering, as only the inimitable German term can render it.

In the frenzy to pack as much comic Pandemonium as possible, these "romantic comedies" risk losing the romantic angle. But given two cuties like Meg Ryan and Matthew Broderick, there's got to be a romantic angle. It's the old gimmick of two people who appear to hate each other being thrown in together — think *It Happened One Night* — and ultimately falling in love. You know

it's going to happen; the suspense is in watching how.

In this department, *Addicted to Love* takes a number of unexpected twists. They don't make the conclusion entirely satisfactory or plausible, but they do add suspense.

It's always entertaining to watch Meg Ryan, with her talent for restrained mugging and her ever-girlish figure, and Matthew Broderick, the eternal boy-next-door (though he's — er — filled out a bit lately). Tchecky Karyo, though, overacts in just about every scene. He plays a chef, the movie career now rivaling the law for ultimate cool. That familiar-looking character from the O.J. trial playing a restaurant critic is director Griffin Dunne's father, Dominick Dunne.



Berkeley Repertory's winning moment

Members of the Berkeley Repertory Theatre, including Amy Potozkin, Rebecca Martinez, Shirley Huffstutten and Suzanne (front row from left) celebrated while watching their colleagues accept the Tony Award for regional theater on television June 4.

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Sisters

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ists W.E.B. Du Bois and Walter White, and many others. Bessie needed some of these friends into their first open protest — picketing a showing of *Birth of a Nation*.

Extreme old age

Just as interesting to me is the glimpse into the minds of two women in their 100s. It's not just that they have memories of the early 1900s; most people past 50 have (or had) relatives with memories that go back that far. The fascination is with the experience of extreme old age.

Those destined to live a century most often do so in good health and with clear minds. Being lucky enough to have an autrapidly closing in on the century mark, I was especially delighted to spend an evening with two more of the breed.

Extreme old age (if I can use that term) is different than mere old age. It seems to bring a relaxation of spirit — what more is there to lose? or to prove? It also seems to foster a streak of almost sardonic humor.

And of wisdom. Not surprisingly, the survival skills needed to live a century are the same as those that foster contentedness at younger

ages.

The Delany sisters are easily amused; and just as an artist, at the end of a career, will return to the most basic materials, it is the simple truths that amuse the most. Why have Bessie and Sadie lived so long? "We never had husbands to worry us to death," they tell us, shouting out the punch line together before breaking into laughter.

That's another of their fascinating subjects — living 100 years without marriage, or even sex — and there are many more. In some ways, *Having Our Say* is a sampler; it makes you want to read the book.

The performances by Delores Mitchell (Sadie) and Vinie Burrows (Dr. Bessie) are virtually without flaw. They catch the "dialect" of the very old — a subtle altering of pace that may just seem strange to those unacquainted with it. In many other ways as well, their performances are worthy of the extraordinary stories they tell.

The subject matter and the stamp of authenticity hold the attention even when the dramatic pace falters.

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This is Your Heart! An interactive heart health. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; 2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 549-1564.

Peninsula Cultural Center — Saturday Children's Program, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Every Saturday morning there is a story and songs for children. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568.

Museum of Children's Art: The Museum of Children's Art is a museum where children have access to viewing, creating and exhibiting art. The MOCHA exhibits art created by children nationally and internationally. The art studio allows them the opportunity to create art in workshops, field trips or on their own.

Artistic Arts for Kids: 5:45 - 6:45, through Thursday; instruction in aiki-jujitsu for ages 5 - 14, with free with the purchase of a \$31 uniform; Sennin Foundation for Japanese Cultural Arts, 10323 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito; 526-7518.

Secrets of memory improvement: Seminar for senior citizens on the three actions you should do so you can begin to remember faster; Alta Bates Medical Center, 1450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley; free passes available for attendees.

Production to Gum Paste: takes ordinary out of gum paste, what it is, how to make it and how it is used; hands on, tools supplied; Spun Sugar, University Ave., Berkeley; 843-8300.

Folkdancing: 7 - 8:30 p.m. The whole family can learn international dances that are fun for all ages. Experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. YWCA, 921 Kains Ave.; \$2 adults, \$1 children. Ongoing.

Song Contest: Chief Operator Teen Driving Program, teens are urged to write their own Traffic Safety Song for prizes, fame, and public education; Chief Operator Program, c/o Albany Police Dept., 1000

San Pablo Ave., Albany, 94706 Deadline is Oct. 15.

Volunteers Needed to work in the Alzheimer's Respite Social Day Care program, Tuesdays from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. No experience necessary; call Ellen, 215-4340 for more information.

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County: motivated, committed people needed to serve the 24-hour crisis lines; formerly Suicide Prevention; 848-1515.

20 Year Reunion: Holy Names High School Class of 1977; call Seanee McCarthy at 530-0350.

Kensington 55+ Activity Center: June 5; Music; Club Mendelssohn performances. Lu Alice Ball, Director. June 12; Center closed, Filoli Garden Tour Call for the regular weekly schedule.

Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-9146.

North Berkeley Senior Center: June 12; Federal Reserve Bank & Wells Fargo History Museum trip, bring your own BART ticket.

Call for support groups and special services. 1901 Hearst at Martin Luther King Jr. Way; 644-6107.

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June 5
Artist Reception: 5-7 p.m.; Espresso Roma Gallery, "Belize it or Not," Tom Siporin's paintings of Caribbean drums, exotic wildlife, quiet Caye harbors and playful children of Belize; show runs through July 3; 1540 Hopkins at Monterey; 653-7467.

June 7
"Just One Momen, Please!": 7:30 reception; fiber artists were challenged to create quilts, dolls, or garments with not more than one third yard or less than one quarter yard of Momen House fabrics, their collective efforts will be on exhibit, with store customers invited to vote on the best pieces; through June 30; New Pieces, 1579 Solano Ave., Berkeley; 527-6779.

June 8
Jews, Germany, Memory: Photographs by Edward Serota, 1988-96: 2 p.m. opening reception; the Berlin-based photojournalist's thought-provoking photos and text probe the future of Jewish life in contemporary unified Germany; through Oct. 12; Judah L. Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St., Berkeley; 549-6950.

June 10
Turning Point Career Center: 1:30 p.m.; learn about Turning Point's job search resources and browse through Bay Area job listings; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6370.

Berkeley Public Libraries closed: until 2 p.m.; Central Library closed all day; 7 p.m.; design forum with the public and architects discussing upcoming renovation and expansion of the Central Library; 2090 Kittredge (at Shattuck); 644-6095.

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the Berkeley Art Center: featuring 20 artists, including Robert Bechtle, Enrique Chagoya, Lia Cook, Barry McGee, Richard Misrach, Betye Saar, and others; through July 12; Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut Street; 644-6893.

Ongoing

Berkeley Historical Center and Museum: "Berkeley Leads: 35 Years of Disability Rights," through October. An exhibit documenting the history of the disability rights movement and also the origins of the Physically Disabled Students' Program at University of California Berkeley in 1962.

Free. Thursday through Saturday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 1931 Center St., Berkeley. (510) 848-0181.

UC Museum of Paleontology: "Tyrannosaurus rex," A 20-foot tall, 40-foot long replica of the fearsome dinosaur. The replica is made from casts of bones of the most complete T. rex yet excavated. When unearthed in Montana, the bones were all lying in place with only a small piece of the tailbone missing.

"Teranodon," A suspended skeleton of a flying reptile with a wingspan of 22 to 23 feet. The Teranodon lived at the same time as the dinosaurs.

California Fossils Exhibit. An exhibit of some of the fossils which have been excavated in California.

Free. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Lobby, Valley Life Sciences Building, University of California, Berkeley. (510) 642-4877.

Richmond Museum of History: "Fertile Ground: The Richmond Area Circa 1900," open-ended. A look at Richmond as it was 90 years ago when it was primarily an agricultural community. The exhibit covers home life, recreational pursuits and the agricultural community which consisted of dairy farms and farms raising wheat, hay and grain.

"The History of Richmond from Native Americans to the Shipyards of the 1940s," permanent exhibit. An exhibit of artifacts, vehicles, clothing and photographs which tells the history of Richmond. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevin Ave., Richmond. (510) 235-7387.

La Peña Cultural Center
Through July 15; Malaquias Montoya 30 year retrospective; renown painter/printmaker best known for his dynamic political posters and graphics that were instrumental in launching the Chicano

Arts Movement of the 60s; artist reception June 21, 4:30 - 7:30

Through Aug. 3; Balance con Huevos: Awareness of Power, photography by Kristina Ruiz-Healy; artist reception June 6, 8 p.m.

Through Aug. 3; Earth Tones, a multi-cultural art show exploring the earth and its human connections; artist reception June 20, 7 p.m.

3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568.

Lectures and Workshops

June 7
"Landlord/Tenant Day": 10:30 a.m.; Nolo Press will host a "Landlord/Tenant" forum with a free seminar open to the public, landlords and tenants are welcome, so bring your questions down; Nolo Press; 950 Parker St., Berkeley; 704-2224.

Adoption Search Workshop: 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.; how-to information and resources for people searching for relatives from whom they have been separated (typically by adoption or divorce), help from experienced searchers, books for sale, recommended reading lists, and support groups; sponsored by the Post-Adoption Center for Education and Research; First Congregational Church, Channing Way at Dana; pre-registration is required, 653-4637; \$35.

June 8
"Tibetan Medicine": 6 p.m.; Ralph McFall discusses the use of herbs and other natural medicines, diet, movement exercises, meditation and other techniques to affect a cure; Nyingma Institute; 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley; 843-6812.

Lesbian Salon: Disability and the Lesbian Artist: 1 p.m.; Peni Hall, Max Dashi, Jenieve McDonald, Cyn Friedrich, E.L. safe, no scents, smokes please; La Peña Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; \$5 - \$15.

Turning Point Career Center
June 5, 12:45 - 5 p.m.; Drop-in Support Groups for Job Seekers; \$10

June 5, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Spin Your Skill Web Toward What's Hot; \$5

June 10, 12: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.; Interview With Confidence: Tips & Practice; \$5

June 10, 4 p.m.; Assess Your Values Using Schein's Career Anchors; \$15

June 10, 12 - 1 p.m.; Ajay Sreekandh, UCB grad student in computer graphics and Asterisk employee, guest speaker, Web Related Jobs; \$3

University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; 848-6375.

Literary Events

June 8
Lisa Gail Ryan: 2 p.m.; signing *Insect Musicians & Cricket Champions: A Cultural History of Singing Insects in China and Japan*, Ryan will talk about cricket cults and cricket fighting in China and Japan, how insects sing, how to catch and keep them; Eastwind Books of Berkeley, 1866 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 548-2350.

Gaia Bookstore and Community Center

June 5, 7:30 p.m.; David Helvar, *The War Against the Greens*.

June 6, 7:30 p.m.; Poets Among Us, the Gaia staff reads their poetry.

June 8, 7:30 p.m. Terrance McClellure, *Golf Ching*.

June 10, 7:30 p.m.; Jalaja Boneheim, *Aphrodite's Daughters*.

June 12, 7:30 p.m.; Jennifer Loudon, *The Woman's Retreat Book*.

1400 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 848-GAIA; all events \$3.

Easy Going Travel Shop & Bookstore

June 12, 7:30 p.m.; Ben H. Bagdikian, former Washington Post editor, *Double Vision: Reflections on My Heritage, Life, and Profession*. 1385 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 843-3533.

Ecology Center

June 8, 7 p.m.; talk, slide show by Pratap Chatterjee, Global Environment Editor for Inter Press Service, KPFA producer; "The Multi-National Corporate Threat to the Headwaters of the Amazon."

La Peña Cultural Center
Open Mic Poetry in the cafe has new summer hours, Wednesdays beginning at 8 p.m. except for Nina and Diana's workshops every third Wednesday; \$2. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley; 849-2568.

Meetings

June 7
DAR: 12 p.m.; the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its last meeting for the summer with a luncheon for all members, new members are also invited; 527-0286; \$8 for lunch.

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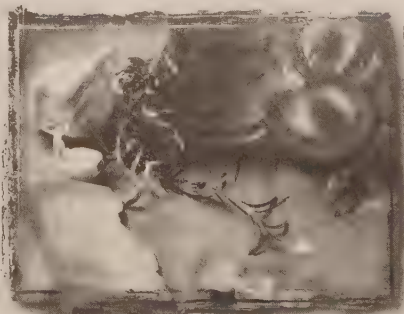
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Dishing the Dish

— with The Maven

The Maven thought we were back in Europe over the weekend. We had a late brunch outside at Cafe Select on the "circuit" — Kensington circle. What a delightful spot, reminded me of the south of France, what with the original Semifreddi's on one side of the plaza, the new Porta Brazil across the street in the spot where once Narsai thrived, and the Kensington Circus Pub on the northeast corner. There's even a men's vintage clothing store, complete with knickers and bowlers ...

Later on that night, I was back in Barcelona at the venerable Les Caricoles off the Ramblas. I was actually at Lucio's on Telegraph in Berkeley. Save for the *ungapochket* tile work outside, this is a wonderful spot. Pleasing interior with wild sconces and tasteful interior tile work. And the food. Marvelous ...

Try the tapas such as lamb sweetbreads with portobellos and bacon, and the olive plate with those wonderfully sweet and hot piquillo peppers. The anchovies, the best I ever had in Spain, here unfortunately are not fresh and mediocre. But Lucio's is a wonderful new asset to our community. Go late on a warm summer night like they do in Barcelona and have a 1995 Muga Blanco from the Rioja. *Magnifico* ...

Speaking of assets to the community, the venerable Ratto's just celebrated its 100th! Bravo for one of the Bay Area's original food gems. Elaina Voiron, the great granddaughter of the founder Giovanni Battista Ratto, has been working in the old shop since 1984 ...

She used to work in the store on weekends as a kid and do odd jobs, such as watch for shoplifters. Never caught a one. However, Voiron remembers reorganizing the spices which at Ratto's, of course, "is an impossible task" but, she remembers fondly the "smell of this place." ...

The new WrapWorks in Montclair Village is a place for kids and teenagers. All hard surfaces. Everything's wrapped here. Ribs (with bones probably. Kidding, tortellini (why?), kung po chicken (better not to see those red chillis), and I think the knives and forks, too (kidding again). Not for The Maven, but the kids will love it ...

The Maven's yet to check out yet another trattoria in the food-burgeoning Elmwood. Gotta get to Locanda Olmo, which is a few doors from Trattoria la Siciliana, which is a few doors from the under-construction kosher place across from the theater. Up the street, the green-awned India Pavilion is closed. Expect another restaurant to go in that huge space ...

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Goings

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June 11
American Schizophrenia Association: 7-8:45 p.m.; Alliance for the Mentally Ill Monthly Family support group, a chance to talk with others who have a mentally ill relative in order to share information and get emotional support; Claremont Branch Berkeley Library Meeting Room; southwest corner of Ashby and Benvenue; 841-8361

Ongoing
East Bay Genealogical Society: 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month; every meeting is preceded by an hour (9 a.m. - 10 a.m.) of casual "drop in" meeting for members and guests who are encouraged to bring problems to the forum for help and possible solutions; Latter Day Satins Interstake Center, 4798 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, Room 30; 635-6692

Gray Panthers
 June 6; 10:30 a.m.; Peace and Justice Committee
 June 9; 10:30 a.m.; Transportation Committee
 June 10; 12:30 p.m.; Health Committee
 June 10; 2:00 p.m.; Board Meeting
 1325 Grant Street, Berkeley; 527-3790

Metaphysical Toastmasters: 6:15 - 7:30 p.m.; public speaking skills and metaphysics come together; ongoing meetings first and third Thursdays; 2515 Hillegass Ave., Berkeley; 848-6510.

Music

June 7

Bach B Minor Mass: 7 p.m.; Bay Area Lutheran Choral with chamber orchestra, directed by Allen H. Simon, will perform J.S. Bach's B Minor Mass. Soloists include soprano Iris Fraser, contralto Sally Mouton, and baritone Robert Stafford; First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing at Dana; (415) 424-1242 for advance ticket purchase; \$11 and \$15 at the door.
Performance of Carl Orff's Carmina Burana: 8 p.m.; "the mixed

voice chorus wails, exults, threatens and cajoles, accompanied by an orchestra who tone, color and rhythm employ instruments from the piccolo to the contrabassoon with loads of percussion." \$10 donation to a chorus member insures seating, but the concert is free; St. Joseph's Church, 1640 Addison at McGee, Berkeley.

June 8
Schubert's Mass No. 6: 7 p.m.; the Kensington Symphony Orchestra and the Contra Costa Choral will perform Mass No. 6 by Franz Schubert, featuring violin soloist Robin Hansen playing Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole; First Baptist Church, 770 Sonoma St., Richmond; 525-4796; \$8 general admission.

An Afternoon Recital of Baroque Music: 3 p.m.; Jennifer Ellis, soprano, David Morris, baroque cello, and Hanneke van Proosdij, harpsichord, featuring songs by Purcell and other music of the English and Italian Baroque period; St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington (at Curtis), Albany; (415) 641-1495; \$10 general admission.

Blake's
 June 5; Jazz Funk Connection with Groove Junkies; Jazz/Funk; \$3
 June 6; Propeller with Simon; Rock; \$5

June 7; Alphabet Soup; Jazz/Funk/Reggae/Rock; \$5
 June 8; New Band Showcase with Ozone; Funk/Soul; \$2
 June 9; Steve Gannon and Monday Blues Jam; \$3

June 10; The Dead Experiment, DJ - David Gans & Broken Angels; \$3
 June 11; Atomic Nation; High NRG Techno/House Hits; \$3

June 12; Jazz Funk Connection with Groove Junkies; \$3
 2367 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley; 848-0886

Jupiter
 June 5; 8:30; That One Guy
 June 6; 6 p.m.; Andre Bush Duo; 8:30 p.m.; Manifest Yesterday
 June 7; 6 p.m.; Psychobabble
 June 11; 8:30 p.m.; Fabulous Hedgehogs
 June 12; 8:30 p.m.; That One Guy

2181 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley; (510) THE-TAPS; no cover.
La Peña Cultural Center
 "Hail Be-bop!" 7 p.m.; Bay Area's First Young Musicians' Conference Benefit and Celebration honoring Bebop founder Dizzy Gillespie, Richard Moore and the Combless Negro Child; \$7 (a portion of proceeds benefit Bay Area youth music programs). 3105 Shattuck Ave; Berkeley 849-2568.

June 7; Proyecto Vida benefit concert with Jose Luis Orozco.
 3105 Shattuck Ave; Berkeley 849-2568.

Starry Plough Restaurant & Pub
 June 5; 9:30; Thumb of the Maid with Fernando and MK Ultra; \$3
 June 6; 9:45 p.m.; Will Bernhard Quartet with Ann Dyer; \$7
 June 7; 9:45 p.m.; Poundsign, Guano, and The Cuban Heals; \$5

June 12; 9:30 p.m.; Remnants of Eden, Freudian Slip, Rm. Ectomy, and Rich Sharai (on sitar); \$7
 3101 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley; 841-2082

Outdoors

June 7
Paddling School Part I: Fundamentals of Sea Kayaking series, designed for Bay Area paddlers, an introduction to the sport for anyone planning self-guided exploration in our local waters, for a complete schedule (including fees) call (408) 427-2297 or stop by REI, 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley, to pick up the 1997 Paddling School brochure.

June 8
Paddling School Part II: Fundamentals of Sea Kayaking; (408) 427-2297 for complete schedule (including fees) or stop by REI to pick up the 1997 Paddling School brochure.

June 12
Grizzly Peak Flyfishers: 7 p.m.; Kate and Bill Howe, famous for their world angling experiences and articles, will share their stories, slides and secret fishing areas in the Eastern Sierra at the Grizzly Peak Flyfishers Meeting, Kensington Youth Hut, 59 Arlington Ave., Kensington; 526-2445.

Ongoing
Holt Planetarium: No knowledge of astronomy is required for these shows. Programs are recommended for ages 8 and up; no children under age 6 will be admitted.

"Moons of the Solar System" through June 15. A tour of the moons of our solar system, each one unique. Saturday and Sunday, 2:15 p.m.

"Constellations - Tonight," through June 15. Using a simple star map, learn to identify the most prominent constellations for the season in the planetarium sky. Saturday and Sunday, 3:30 p.m.

"Saturday Night Stargazing," ongoing. See the moon, planets, star clusters and galaxies through astronomical telescopes, weather permitting. At the Lawrence Hall of Science Plaza. Saturday, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Free.

\$2 plus museum admission of \$6 general; \$4 students, seniors and children ages 7 to 18; children under the age of 6 are not admitted. Lawrence Hall of Science, University of California, Centennial Drive, Berkeley; 642-5132.

Tilden Regional Park: Botanical Garden Tours; 2 p.m.; guided docent tours of the gardens. Call ahead to confirm tour is on for the day. Saturday and Sunday; 841-8732.

UC Botanical Garden Tours: Saturday and Sunday, 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Tour Orientation Center for a free docent tour; Free unless otherwise noted. Daily, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Botanical Garden, Centennial Drive, behind Memorial Stadium, a mile below Lawrence Hall of Science; 642-3343.

Religion

June 6
"Corpus Christi," music in honor of the Blessed Sacrament; 11:15 a.m.; Simon Berry, organist, performs at St. David of Wales Catholic Church; Sonoma Street and Esmond Avenue, Richmond; 233-4725.

June 7
Agape Baptist Church; 10 a.m.; Bible Class for children; 11 a.m.; "The Nine Habits of a Spirit-Controlled life—Joy in a Depressed World," a sermon by Dr. John Ojewolde, childcare provided; Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; 233-8867.

June 8
"Truth and Religion;" 10:30 a.m.; Speaker David Croushore explores the knotty questions concerning truth and religion; Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar at Bonita; 841-4824, June 12

"Understanding Hymns;" 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Presbyterian Women in St.

John's Presbyterian Church, Mary Taylor on Tangleton, narrates, Unitarian Church, 2727 California, 527-3052 or 841-8732.

Ongoing
Midweek Bible Study: 7 p.m. every Wednesday; Church; everyone is welcome to call Prayer Line for concerns shall be and you shall be.

Theater/Dance

June 6
Berkeley City Club: 7:30 p.m.; a new season, along with the new performance on stage; a new season; 1800 Dwight Way, Alameda; \$35 general admission; \$35 general admission.

Shenandoah: 7 p.m.; opening night of a new season, along with the new performance on stage; a new season; 1800 Dwight Way, Alameda; \$35 general admission; \$35 general admission.

Ongoing
Love Song Later: 7:30 p.m.; a new season, along with the new performance on stage; a new season; 1800 Dwight Way, Alameda; \$35 general admission; \$35 general admission.

June Occasions

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The
Wine File

ALAN GOLDFARB

The Stony Ridge (\$12/375ml) was only one of 11 gold medals out of nearly 150 wines awarded by the judges, which included Dan Berger, the wine columnist for the *Los Angeles Times*; Larry Stone, who is considered to be one of the most knowledgeable wine stewards in the country for his work at San Francisco's Rubicon Restaurant; and yours truly, who has served as director of the competition the last four years.

Concannon Vineyards won two golds with its '95 Livermore "Assemblage" (\$13) (Best White Wine of Show), and a '95 Livermore Sauvignon Blanc (\$8). Westover Vineyards also pulled down two golds with a '95 Blancs Cabernet Sauvignon (\$14) (Best Red Wine, and a '96 Monterey Gewurztraminer (\$9).

The other gold medal winners were a NV Bargetto Chaucer's Raspberry (\$8.50/375ml), '94 Cooper-Garrod Santa Cruz Cabernet Sauvignon (\$25), '95 Mirassou Showcase Chardonnay (\$28), a '94 Rosenblum Holbrook Mitchell Meritage (\$24), a '91 Rubissow-Sargent Mt. Veeder Cabernet Sauvignon (\$19), and a '95 Thomas Coyne California Merlot (\$12).

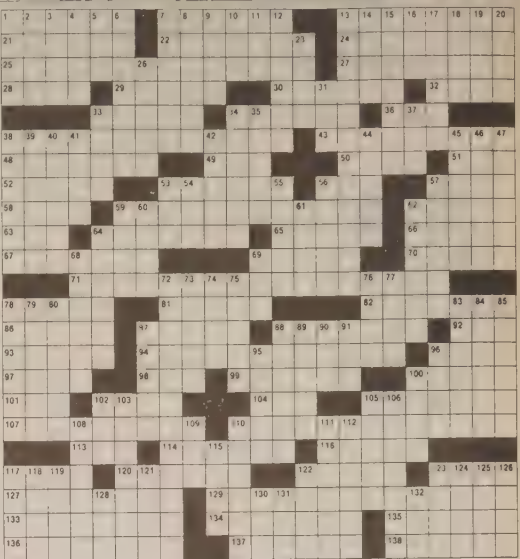
As for the Stony Ridge

New York Times Magazine Puzzle

FORMAL FUNNIES

BY RANDOLPH ROSS / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Slew</p> <p>7 Like tea</p> <p>13 These might play into the wrong hands</p> <p>21 Two-time Wimbledon winner Gibson</p> <p>22 It goes "psstt!"</p> <p>24 Positively planning</p> <p>25 Funnies romantic</p> <p>27 — of habit</p> <p>28 Penn name</p> <p>29 Shade of purple</p> <p>30 State of agitation</p> <p>32 Award for Samuel Beckett</p> <p>33 Features on some stationery</p> <p>34 Peak of NE Greece</p> <p>36 Former service site</p> <p>38 Funnies flapper</p> <p>43 Shadowy places</p> <p>48 Exceeded</p> <p>49 Like some vbs.</p> <p>50 Capital of Togo</p> <p>51 H.S. subject</p> <p>52 Baseball's Duren and Sandberg</p> <p>53 Talk of the town?</p> <p>56 The Mustangs: Abbr.</p> <p>57 Mountain transport</p> <p>58 Word repeated in "Elegy in a Country Churchyard"</p> | <p>59 Funnies flier</p> <p>62 In — (beset by difficulties)</p> <p>63 Little one</p> <p>64 Spoilers</p> <p>65 Singer Billy Ray</p> <p>66 W.W. II Japanese aircraft</p> <p>67 "Far out!"</p> <p>68 New York Met tenor Alfredo</p> <p>70 Flavors</p> <p>71 Another funnies flier</p> <p>78 Tired of everything</p> <p>81 "All —" (1967 Temptations hit)</p> <p>82 University officials</p> <p>86 Emulate Romeo and Juliet</p> <p>87 Like some computer encoding systems</p> <p>88 They give you fits</p> <p>92 Rock-and-roll Hall of Fame architect</p> <p>93 Took steps</p> <p>94 Funnies victim</p> <p>96 Strike out</p> <p>97 Much</p> <p>98 Balmoral, e.g.</p> <p>99 Untrustworthy types</p> <p>100 Like some keys</p> <p>101 Midsummer — (June 23)</p> <p>102 Tree protuberance</p> <p>104 Part of a drying-out period, maybe</p> <p>105 Loud voice from the "Iliad"</p> | <p>107 1960's Maoists</p> <p>110 Funnies fighter</p> <p>113 — Lingus</p> <p>114 Professor's prize</p> <p>116 Ombrometers measure them</p> <p>117 Carbon compound</p> <p>120 Check, in a way</p> <p>122 More or less, informally</p> <p>123 "Things"</p> <p>127 Vista</p> <p>129 Big-eyed funnies character</p> <p>133 Like a Carreras concert</p> <p>134 Holes in the head</p> <p>135 Coveted</p> <p>136 In peace</p> <p>137 Feeds a crowd</p> <p>138 Actress Katharine et al.</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Aphorisms</p> <p>2 Nobelist Wiesel</p> <p>3 Pillar of heaven, to Pindar</p> <p>4 Like a dime</p> <p>5 Nickname in magazine publishing</p> <p>6 Ring site</p> <p>7 Spoiled bunch</p> <p>8 Work on a tough stain, e.g.</p> <p>9 10th-century explorer</p> <p>10 Got the gold</p> <p>11 Northern Amer.</p> <p>12 Cream serving</p> <p>13 Big-eared funnies character</p> <p>14 Memo starter</p> <p>15 Chest protector</p> | <p>16 Raiding grp.</p> <p>17 Lay to rest</p> <p>18 "Three men in —"</p> <p>19 Actress Petty</p> <p>20 Old-time dagger</p> <p>23 Grazing siles</p> <p>26 "The — Sanction" (1970's thriller)</p> <p>31 Cookbook amt.</p> <p>33 Johns</p> <p>34 Dunderheads</p> <p>35 Doughnutlike</p> <p>37 French soul</p> <p>38 Typos</p> <p>39 Knock down</p> <p>40 Natural</p> <p>41 Writer Akins and others</p> <p>42 Dirty fighter</p> <p>44 Proper words</p> <p>45 Like some Christians</p> <p>46 Science fiction magazine since 1930</p> <p>47 Way out</p> <p>53 Corral</p> <p>54 Penn., e.g.</p> <p>55 Anatomical prefix</p> <p>56 Chocolate —</p> <p>57 Start of a how-to title</p> <p>59 Ring sport</p> <p>60 Even</p> <p>61 Swimming great</p> <p>62 Diana</p> <p>63 People of the Sun</p> <p>64 Based (in)</p> <p>68 Pilfers</p> <p>69 Pasted but good</p> <p>72 Funnies</p> <p>73 Available</p> <p>74 Become tiresome</p> |
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| <p>75 Places for drawings?</p> <p>76 Brag</p> <p>77 "Show Boat" composer</p> <p>78 Medicine man</p> <p>79 Breakfast place</p> <p>80 Like Seurat paintings</p> <p>83 Inviting, as inspection</p> <p>84 Do a double take</p> <p>85 Club name since 1892</p> | <p>87 Come to mind</p> <p>88 Cause of jungle fever</p> <p>89 Lower</p> <p>90 Ruffle</p> <p>91 "Amigos" (1973 western)</p> <p>95 "Star Wars" planet</p> <p>96 Classic Ferrari</p> <p>100 Where Alice worked</p> <p>102 Letter before ar</p> <p>103 Tell tales</p> <p>105 Barbecue pieces</p> | <p>106 Colorful bird</p> <p>108 In large supply</p> <p>109 Date</p> <p>110 Like some Western law</p> <p>111 Investigator</p> <p>112 Plague</p> <p>117 Heroic poetry</p> <p>118 Place to be picked up?</p> <p>119 Lulu</p> <p>121 Disney's — and the Detectives"</p> | <p>122 Writer's Market abbr.</p> <p>123 Some execs</p> <p>124 Sponsorship</p> <p>125 Nautical heading</p> <p>126 1917 revolutionaries</p> <p>128 Kurasawa film</p> <p>130 Genetic stuff</p> <p>131 Loony bird</p> <p>132 One of the "virgins" of "Two Virgins"</p> |
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Malvasia Bianca, well let's put it this way, the wine went through a circuitous route before it emerged with such high accolades at the 16th annual judging.

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service winery, this Malvasia was farmed out to different facilities before it saw the light of day in its sexy, thin, long-necked cobalt blue "bellissimo" 375 milliliter bottle.

Stony Ridge is enjoying a

second life after being sold to the Scotto family, who moved the winery-cum-Italian trattoria to another location six years ago. For years it turned out mediocre wines, but is just now beginning to make wines (the Malvasia is a

perfect example) to be considered world-class.

This Malvasia (mal-va-SEE-ya) began its life in the Schnoud Vineyards in Turlock in Stanislaus County. The grapes

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As I See It

by
Dr. Jason A. Deitch

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Dr. Lucy Liu

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Lucy was a surgeon in Beijing, China. She immigrated to the U.S. with her daughter to reunite with her husband who studied high energy physics for his Ph.D. at U.C. Santa Cruz. After she arrived in the U.S., her skills went unrecognized. Lucy then pursued her Masters degree at the Academy of Chinese Culture and Health Science in Oakland.

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Lucy is devoted to treating her patients. She says, "My patients believe in Chinese medicine, the natural healing. Interacting with them brings me great pleasure. I really enjoy what I am doing right now."

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What Kind Of Car Do You Drive?

by Dr. Laura VanHarn

Hi! It's me again, Dr. Laura Van Harn, your exercise physiologist. This time I am asking you to reflect on the American obsession with the cars we drive...and think how it relates to "the body we drive". If our cars are dented, they are usually repaired at once. As they age, they get the full treatment - new tires - a battery - new spark plugs - valve adjustments and so on. At the same time many of us take our bodies for granted - doing very little to maintain, improve or keep them up to date.

Think about these statistics:

- Between 1980 and 1990 the number of centenarians has doubled.
- From 1960 to 1990 death rates from heart disease and strokes have plunged more than half.
- Modern medicine has improved at treating chronic diseases.

In view of these trends, today millions of us can look forward to celebrating our birthdays in our nineties and perhaps even in good health at age 100.

A so-called "Baby Boomer" today has the greatest outlook for longevity ever. DO YOU FIT INTO THIS GROUP? If so, you, more than anyone, should consider the fundamental changing of beliefs about aging. Today's analytical and hormonal therapies are more and more based on

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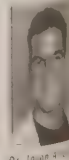
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California Track & Field Meet

Mack, Harris SM's best hope for state titles

Panthers send eight athletes to Sacramento this weekend

By John Gardella

For the first time in 10 years, the CIF State Track and Field Championships return north to Hughes Stadium in Sacramento this weekend. Hughes last hosted the event in 1987. Since then, the championships were held at Cerritos College in Norwalk.

You won't hear the St. Mary's High team complain about the change of venue. Closer to home and familiar with the facilities — the Panthers competed at Hughes twice this season — SM prepares to compete in eight events in Friday's quarterfinals.

SM qualified for nine events, but the coaching staff decided to pull Jafar Williams from the 200-meter race so that he can concentrate on the 400 and both relays.

In the 400, Williams is scheduled to compete in heat No. 1. He enters the race with the sixth best time (48.58). In his heat, only Cardinal Newman's (Santa Rosa) Dan Schuman (49.82) sports a better time.

In the 110-meter high hurdles, SM's Rich Nero (one of Hills Newspapers' Athlete of the Month) competes in heat No. 1. In the 300 IH, Nero competes in heat No. 3.

In the 400, the Panthers are slated to compete in heat No. 2. The Panthers must wait for heat No. 3 in the 1,600, an event they won going away at the Meet of Champions in Berkeley last week (see related story).

Mack SM's best shot

Jerriod Mack, ranked third in California in the triple jump, is scheduled to compete in the event at 6:30 p.m. The junior is perhaps SM's best shot at a medal.

Spring Harris, another finals hopeful for the Panthers, is slated to compete in the high jump at the same time.

Rosie Aikens (one of Hills Newspapers' Athletes of the Month), SM's other female participant, gets her shot at the discus, at 5:30 p.m. Aikens is ranked 11th in the event.

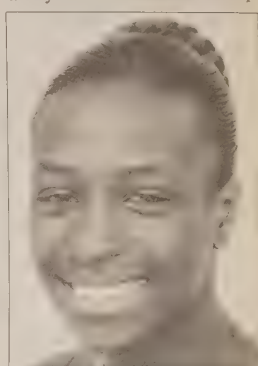
Built largely on the prowess of sophomores and juniors, this weekend's events may just be a preview of how dominant the Panthers will be next season. But it doesn't seem SM's coaches or athletes are confident about the challenge at hand.

It's obvious SM has the wherewithal to be competitive in several events; perhaps, even get one or two of its athletes on the awards stand. SM qualified for the state meet nine events.

"We had a real good day Saturday," said coach Jay Lawson, referring to the finals of the MOC at Cal's Edwards Stadium. "We competed very well, especially Jerriod (Mack), Jafar (Williams) and Rich (Nero). They had outstanding performances."

Mack advanced to state in the triple jump by blowing away the field and setting a new meet record in the event, jumping 49-2. The

junior broke the mark of 48-11 set in '87 by Mission San Jose's Anthony Terrel. The distance was nearly four feet better than Bishop



O'Dowd's Jason Humphrey (45-6). In the quarterfinals, Mack led the field with a jump of 47-0.

For all the highs Mack's performance in the TJ brought to the Panthers, perhaps the day's biggest disappointment for the school centered around the junior's performance in the long jump. After finishing second in the quarterfinals, with a jump of 22-3, Mack failed to qualify the following day, netting 20-9 and having to beat 21-8 to get to state (the top four finishers in each event advanced to the state meet).

"The long jump was the first event and I don't think Jerriod's body was awake," Lawson said. "We fully expected him to qualify in the event. This is a learning experience for him."

Williams qualified for the 200- and 400-meter events, finishing first and second, respectively. Lawson said the junior won't participate in the 200 so that he can concentrate on the 400 and both relay events.

"The 400 is pretty loaded," Lawson said. "It will probably take a low 47 to get to the finals."

Williams in the 200

In the 200, Williams finished first with a time of 22.12, narrowly beating Santa Rosa's Antwon Chisolm (22.13), who won the heat in the quarterfinals, while Williams placed sixth.

In the 400, the Panther's 48.58 wasn't good enough to beat Will Downer's (California) 48.50.

Nero won the 110 high hurdles with a time of 14.66, edging out Pinole Valley's Donte Joseph (14.82). He placed second in the 300 intermediate hurdles (38.79).

On the girl's side, Spring Harris continues her assault on the high jump. A newcomer to track and field, the sophomore qualified for the state meet by winning the event, jumping 5-5, one inch off her personal best.

Aikens gets to go to Sacramento after placing second in the discus with a distance of 128-1.

To no one is surprise, both relay teams on the boy's side qualified for state.

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St. Mary's Mack endears MOC crowd as he flies to triple jump record at Cal

Peter Mentor

It's the big moments that stand out at a track meet, and it's the little things that tell the whole story. Many of the spectators at the North Coast Section Meet of Champions at Edwards Stadium were lulled by the warm sun until St. Mary's triple jumper Jerriod Mack attempted his last jump.

Mack and his teammate Jafar Williams turned to the crowd and everyone clapping for support. Mack ran down the smooth runway toward the sand pit, the crowd collectively beat its hands faster and faster.

The thunderous beat reached a crescendo as Mack hit the line. The friendly noise seemed to lift him as he hopped, skipped and jumped his way to a meet record of 49 feet, 1/4 inch. He received a cheer from the fans.

The jump broke the 10-year-old record of 48-11 set by Anthony Terrel of Mission San Jose. After climbing from the sand, Mack pumped his fists in celebration. Not only had he won the event, he went more than two feet further than he had ever gone before.

"I just felt the crowd," said

Mack. "Everyone got involved. I told my teammate Jafar, 'Let's get the crowd started.' He was trying to run under 49 (seconds in the 200) and I wanted to jump 48 (feet). I saw the jump in my head before I got there. Everything was picture perfect."

Williams ran the 400 race just before Mack's last jump. He didn't win, but he did reach his goal of a sub-49 by going 48.48. It took an incredible finish by Will Downer of California High (48.50) to catch Williams.

It was an exciting juxtaposition of two events for St. Mary's and the crowd on a day that had its ups and downs for the local schools.

One of the high points was Williams' 200 race. He was in fourth place with 15 meters to go, then powered out a victory in 22.12 to beat Antwon Chisolm of Santa Rosa (22.13) by an even smaller margin than he had lost earlier.

Williams was also on the Panthers' winning 1,600-meter relay team and the second-place 400-meter relay team.

This meet was a qualifier for the CIF State Meet this weekend at Hughes Stadium in Sacramento. Winning at North Coast means a lot, but the top four finishers in each event advance to the state championships where everyone starts out even.



Jerriod Mack after his record triple jump at Edwards.

Jeff Lindquist

Panthers dominate ACCAL's track & field all-league team

St. Mary's High dominated this Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic all-league track team with athletes named to the first team. The Panthers' boys placed eight on the squad, while Spring Harris (jumps) and Rosie Aikens (discus) were named to the team. The Lady Panthers.

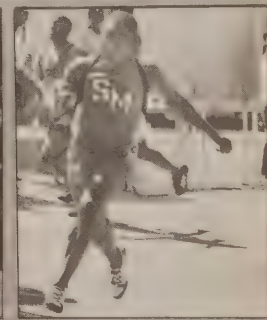
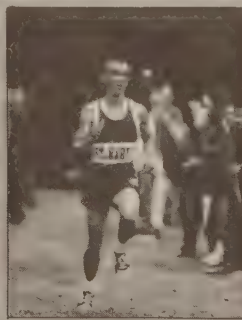
From the sprints, Paki Gordon, Jafar Williams, and Devin Poche-West, were named to the ACCAL team. Mike Arp and Justin Hipe were named as distance runners, while Rich Nero was named as a hurdler.

Jerriod Mack was named to the team as a jumper, while Mike Norris was named as a thrower. SM's boys

relay team was also named.

Two El Cerrito athletes were named to the ACCAL squad. Chris Robertson was named as a jumper, while Mike Bigbee was named as a thrower.

St. Mary's ACCAL all-league team, left to right, Mike Norris, Mike Arp, Paki Gordon.



Albany - Berkeley Girls Softball League

By Michael Blake

Baseball's Song of October, "Wait 'Til Next Year," was sung early by the softball powerhouses of the ABGSL, who finished out their 1997 season with a fine show of talent last Saturday.

MICRO Mighty Kittens vs. Tornados

Carolyn Thompson and Leah Belzer-Adams each hit 2-RBI singles and Roz Smith added 2 doubles as the Tornados unleashed a flurry of hits at the Mighty Kittens. Singles by Irene Farrimond, Lucy Archer, Frances Dyson, and Johanna Heyer pressured the Kittens defense, with Jackie Rohrer and Johanna Jenkins fielding nicely in the infield.

Mika Endo's speedy running on an infield hit and Johanna Jenkins' hard line drive ignited the Kittens' offense. The Kittens showed their hitting power with Tamara Land-Gilden's double, Anna Taberki's 2 singles, and Anya Rose-Ramos' triple. The Tornados' Roz Smith sparked at 2nd with an unassisted out on a hot grounder.

YOUNGER DIVISION

Black Brown & Laniers Bearstesters 27 Dr. Brehnan's Smilemakers 16

The Bears finished a 9-3-1 season with a stirring win. Gemma Stewart led the hit parade with two massive doubles to left center, accounting for 3 RBI. Lisa Richardson, Sarah Ball and Sophie Kolding also contributed run-scoring doubles.

There were numerous defensive standouts for the Bears. Megan "Lefty" Hourula recorded an unassisted putout at 1st on a ground ball to right, after she had already made a nifty stop on a grounder up the middle and threw out the lead runner at 3rd.

Olivia Beckley, a defensive star all year, notched 2 putouts in one inning from the mound, and forced a runner at 2nd after fielding a grounder at short.

Vanessa Bell made the play of the game with a backhanded catch of a liner at 3rd. Lauren Halpern also contributed both with her glove and at the plate.

Nolo Press Sharks 20 Davitt Felder Royals 13

The Sharks got the 1st inning off to an impressive start with a 3-run homer by Emily Silverstein. Runs by Nina Gordon-Kirsch, Frances Farrimond and Hannah Pollack helped the Sharks pull ahead early.

The Royals kept the pressure on with strong defensive plays, including an unassisted putout by right fielder Casey Osborn at 1st base. Despite some great hitting by the Royals, including 2 doubles by Bijou Felder which brought several runners home in 2 innings, the "Shark Attack" continued, with runs by Ari Usher and Mary Stephens in the 2nd inning, and Claire Veeninga and Sophie Lewis in the 3rd.

A double by Seren Moran in the 3rd kept the Sharks ahead, as did the defensive work of Olivia Stutz, who continued her tradition of catching pop flies. Julia Kessler's triple in the 4th and final inning brought Emma Fane home. The Sharks ended the season with an outstanding triple play by Lauren Martinez, a 1st-year player who looks like a veteran.

MIDDLE DIVISION

Five Star Video Generals 17 On the Beam 7

The Five Star Video Generals charged to a 10-point lead in the first 2 innings, but the On the Beam bats got hot in their 5-run 4th and final inning. Who knows how close the final score might have been if they had played a few more innings.

The Generals opened with heavy bats and fleet feet. Sarah Cunningham hammered some solid hits as her team has come to expect, and finally was able to run for herself again. Alana Kopke's solid slugging drove in an RBI every time she was at bat. Rosie Cote, with a double and a triple, was just one of the multiple bag bangers for the Generals. Corynn Brodsky sent an authoritative triple into outer space and Laelena Brooks ran her last at bat into a triple, scoring Liana Cavness, who dodged the tag at home.

Amelia Hoff had a great day on the

basepaths too, scoring 3 times on just 1 hit, getting the other runs pinch-running for Alyse Ritvo and getting hit by a pitch. Ritvo hasn't been able to run for several games but showed up for every contest and helped her team by hitting reliably and coaching 1st base.

In the 1st inning, with Sarah Adams and Stacey Stewart sharing pitching, Beamer Sophie Simon-Ortiz' quick glove made all 3 outs at 1st base. Their first 2 RBI came in the 2nd inning when Eva Sherertz' sacrifice fly scored Simon-Ortiz and Eva Mortimer-Maibeth.

The Beamers' strong comeback rally in the 4th was driven by Naomi Callender-Scott's triple and runs scored by Mira Bullen, Carla Appleberry, Mortimer-Maibeth, Sherertz, and Callender-Scott.

Tiddlywinks Teasers 5 Salon Salon Slidin' Slammers 4

Salon scored 2 in the 1st, with singles by Jay Teng, Danielle Sinclair and Emma Kemp. Then Teaser Elise Priewe responded with an RBI triple. Salon was held scoreless in the next 2 innings due in part to exceptional pitching from Ilana Baar. Erin Turner's home run in the 2nd scored 1 more for the Teasers. On the mound for Salon, Kemp caught a high fly. But Tiddlywinks scored 2 more in the 3rd, one off a single by Amy Johnson, a rookie who missed half the season with a broken finger.

Salon scored 2 again in the 4th off singles from Rachael Castro and Amy Strauss. Pitching for Tiddlywinks, Priewe struck out 2 batters and caught a fast line drive, while at 1st base Johnson made a great stop. Salon's defense was strong in the 4th: Teng made a fine catch as short stop; on the mound Vivienne Carlson made a quick stop and throw to Kemp at 1st base, to deny the Teasers any runs.

Tied at 4 coming into the 5th, Laura Burnham pitched for Tiddlywinks and held Salon scoreless, twice stopping the ball and throwing to Julia Linton at 1st base for outs. Then Burnham's single brought in Tiddlywinks' winning RBI.

Andronico's All Stars 7 Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars 0

After the Molars were retired in order in the 1st, Molars pitcher Sarah Ludwig recorded 3 strikeouts in the bottom of the inning, including 2 with runners on 2nd and 3rd, to hold the All Stars scoreless. In the 2nd, All Star Emily Niles, playing shortstop, made the play of the game as she leaped to her left to stab a Molars line drive. Delaney Danielson then doubled, but All Star pitcher Danielle Moore ended the threat with an inning-ending strikeout.

In the bottom of the 2nd, Sydney McIver's triple put the All Stars on the scoreboard, scoring Kara McKenzie. Amy Havens repeated McIver's trick with a triple in the 3rd, scoring Niles. The real onslaught came in the bottom of the 4th, when the 1st 6 All Stars singled to start the inning: Sacha Maxwell, Sarah Lucas, McKenzie, Beth Berlin-Stephens, Emily Springhart, and McIver, scoring 4 runs.

The Molars gamely came back in the 5th and final inning, with a fine single up the 3rd base line by Talia Kostick, but still the All Stars held the Molars scoreless, and even added a final run in the bottom of the inning with Claire Wilkens' sacrifice, scoring Havens.

OLDER DIVISION

Piedmont Lady Highlanders 9 We Be Bop Boomers 8

We Be Bop played an excellent game and came within just 1 run of defeating a Piedmont team for the second time in two meetings. WBB had become the first ABGSL team to be victorious in interleague play on May 21, when they defeated another Piedmont team, 15-12.

WBB took an early 1st inning lead when Elizabeth Carey stole home to give WBB their first run. The home half of the 1st was all pitcher Julieta Strauss and 1st base Elizabeth Howe as WBB shut down the Highlanders with Strauss' strikeout, caught pop-up, and excellent play on a bunt. WBB played a huge 2nd as they scored 6 runs. Kelly Wolf scored

on an RBI groundout by Mimi Clinton. Chelsea Zussman, Justine Anton, Lizze Lesh, Autumn-Miley Boland, and Julie Hirano scored on a series of walks and Katie Warwick hit a 2-run triple.

The Highlanders fought back in the bottom of the 2nd as Tamara Colantino-Ray singled, Julia Rancer doubled, Sarah Pelson singled, and Ashley Tydus tripled, scoring 6 runs.

In the 3rd inning, WBB was shut down by Julia Rancer as she allowed only a single and a walk, and struck out 3.

The Highlanders added 3 more in the 3rd from a walk, double, single and Claire Maru's triple. Carey's pitching for WBB prevailed, however, as she recovered to strike out the last 2 batters she faced.

WBB scored one more in the 4th on Clinton's RBI single. In the bottom of the 4th, WBB defenders shined, as Lizze Lesh made an exceptional play at 3rd base to throw out a runner at 1st. Carey struck out 1, and Elizabeth Alii made a perfect catch in the outfield.

Fortunately for the Highlanders, Rancer closed out the game by striking out the side in the 5th with some amazing pitching.

Autumn Press Piranhas 7 Red Oak Realty Rebels 3

Red Oak's Kate Gorman, who led off the 1st with a walk, quickly stole second and scored when Meredith Williams doubled to right. Rebels pitcher Miya "Jo" Warner struck out 5 Piranhas in 2 innings, including one with bases loaded to end the 2nd.

In the 3rd inning, Christine Kemp, playing 2nd, threw out the Rebel runner at 1st for the 1st out. The Rebels would score another run in the 3rd with a walk to Rachel Schlessinger pushing in Kaleen Patterson, who had had an earlier single to right.

The Piranhas' thunderous bats would not be denied. Elizabeth Mendelson's 3rd-inning walk and subsequent steal

set her up for Marika's deep double. Tripled with a 3-run third. Zussman hit a long fly ball to right in the Autumn Press defense continued. Liant double play by K... caught a sharp fly ball... threw out the returning 1st.

Red Oak launched... in the 5th with Jo Warner later stole third and scored. Silvers hit a single. Rebecca Hand in the... nha runner attempting...

Jesse Young Nelson Meyer

Mia Arakaki started... mound in the bottom... She kept the Rebels... ing a popup, then a hard... her and finally strik... ter. The Bandits' s... do.

Most of this game... duel, but in the 2nd... managed to get a ball... the outfield. Emily... Angels caught a hard... field and Rebecca Lou... also caught a hard fly...

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In the 5th, Bandit... hit a triple that brought... the Bandits the lead. Br... Angels got hot and br... Julia Liepmann did an... the outfield catching... hit balls, but that... keep the Angels down. Cl... got a single and brought... Both teams enjoyed... and it was a great we... season.

Yellowjackets' Palley holds boys hoop clinic at Berkeley

A fund-raising basketball clinic will be held June 16-20, and June 23-27.

The first program is for boys entering fifth-, sixth-, and seventh-grades. The second program is for boys entering eighth-, ninth-, and 10th-grades.

The Yellowjackets' basketball coach, Dan Palley, will head the program. The cost is \$50.

Deadline for registration is June 13. The clinic will be held at Berkeley High, 2246 Milvia St., Berkeley. For more information, call Palley, 223-4717.

Aztec Tennis Club finishes regular season undefeated with shutout over Harbor Bay

The Aztec Tennis Club's open team finished its regular season undefeated May 23 at Harbor Bay, winning 3-0. Team members Chris Mueller, Kevin Holmes, Nate Simmons, Christo Logan, Peter Logan, Amy Taguchi, Ben Meyer and Andrew Meyer are all coached by

Carlton Jones of Berkeley. The results in singles play: Holmes defeated Harbor Bay's Ashley Stewart, 8-1; and Simmons upended HB's Cameron Scott, 8-1. In doubles, Scott and Steven Gardiner were defeated by Mueller and Logan, 8-5.

Albany Dept. of Recreation offers summer kids programs

Albany rec offers summer youth programs. The Albany Department of Recreation is sponsoring summer sports camps for youth.

Beginning June 16, week-long camps for 4- to 12-year-olds featuring basketball, soccer, flag football, baseball, and a variety of other sports will be offered.

The fee for Albany residents is \$90 per week, and an early drop off program is an additional \$35 per

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though not the quartet's best, Kimani Loran, Devin Poche-Williams and Chandler White, away from the field in the 1,600. The Panthers finished in 3:19.69, three seconds ahead of second-place California High.

"We weren't really pushed in the event," Lawson said. "We can couple of seconds faster. I think we are capable of a low 3:17." The team's personal best in the 1,600 is 3:18.05, which it set in Hughes in the season.

The 400, Nero, Williams, Paki and Poche-West placed second, a time of 42.86. Powerhouses Logan took first in 42.45. "I feel good in a few events," Logan said. "I feel good, stress-wise, with such a young team, but it's still a year away. "We do OK in the triple jump and the jump on the girls' side. The factor is confidence."

One of the 27 participants in the event advancing to the next round, Nero, took first in the triple jump with a jump of 41-9, but this season, with the help of Rogers, who came to SM after stints at Piedmont and Alhambra, Mack has turned those numbers upside down. "You can attribute it to a year's worth of growth and maturity," said Rogers, who was a standout at Cal from '85-'90 and then competed professionally in Europe. "He also had some big technical breakthroughs. As the season progressed he got a little faster and a little

stronger.

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St. Mary's Felise Guillory, center, tries to make up ground in the 400 relay last week after the Meet of Champions at Edwards Stadium, as she takes handoff from Spring Harris.

awards stand," Rogers said. "Getting her there as a sophomore would be a great accomplishment. Remember, she did not even make the Meet of Champions last year. Neither did Jerriod."

A great athlete, Harris is in the unique position of setting and breaking school records on a weekly basis. Since girls are new to the SM campus, every time she sets a personal best in track and field events, or on the basketball or volleyball court, she is etching her name into the school record books.

But Rogers, a four-year athlete in the rugged and competitive Pacific, said he feels Harris' future lies in track and field.

"Spring is so busy with her events that it's tough for her to concentrate on just one," Rogers said. "She runs the 400, the 800, both relay events. Sometimes she gets bogged down to where it is hard to concentrate on just one thing."

Rogers said he sees Harris as a pentathlete (in five events) at the college level.

Both Mack, a junior, and Harris return next year, giving Rogers at least one more season to help sculpt the athletes into Division I prospects.

"We try to work hard in practice and get them as psychologically and physically ready as we can," the coach said.

ATHLETES OF THE MONTH



Rich Nero
St. Mary's High
Track



Rosie Aikens
St. Mary's High
Track

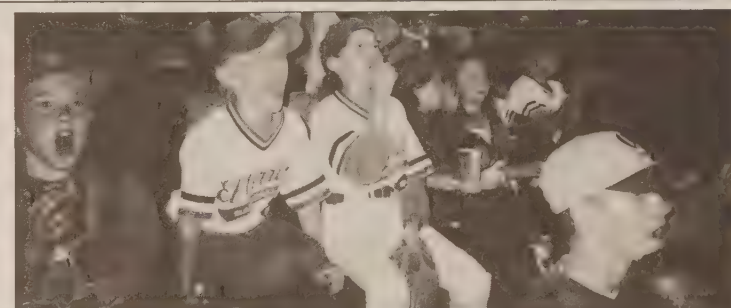
Mary's Rich Nero has been one of the area's top performers in the hurdles. Nero won the 110-yard hurdles in the 110-yard high hurdles with a time of 1:45. Nero's success continued throughout the NCS and Meet of Champions. The athlete qualified for the state meet in both events, finishing first in the 110 and second in the 300.

Rosie Aikens is helping to usher in the age of girls' track and field at St. Mary's. Proficient in the discus and shot put, Aikens is off to the state meet this weekend, where she will compete in the discus after placing second at the Meet of Champions with a throw of 128-1.

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EC youth baseball players connecting the dots

El Cerrito Youth Baseball players and parents attended the A's-Blue Jays game last week at the Coliseum. Some of the Phillies, left to right, L.T. Nardi, Alexander Day, Aaron Bendix-Balgley, Georgia Tap, Tessa Taruskin, David Lock, and Sam Alcabes, enjoy the dot racing.

Wine

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were shipped to a facility in Lodi where they were crushed. The juice was then sent to Stony Ridge where it went through primary fermentation and the final blend with 5 percent brandy added. Finally, the wine, which has 8 percent residual sugar, was sent down the road to Concannon where it was bottled. Malvasia is a grape which is not used very much in this

country, although Stony Ridge has been making it as a sparkling wine, a dry table wine, and a dessert wine, since the Scottos took over. It has its origins in Greece where it was co-opted by the Italians who use it in Umbria and Tuscany in conjunction with Trebbiano. There are about 2,000 acres planted in California, primarily in Tulare County.

"I'm thrilled and I'm

honored. It was truly a collaborative effort," Scotto said, referring to the winemaking process that this wine went through. Which brings up a rather touchy subject.

It was only after the judges awarded the wine their top honor, did they wonder where the wine had been made because the label reads: "Vinted and bottled by Stony Ridge." The

judges thought that in order for a wine to qualify for this competition, it should be made in the designated region of the San Francisco Bay (which will soon become an officially sanctioned wine area).

According to Scotto, part of the wine was made in Livermore. The word "vinted" was used because he claims, he didn't know what the final blend would be and he had already printed up his labels.

Stony Ridge was perfectly within the rules of the judging which states only that the "tasting is open only to commercially bonded wineries" within the designated appellation. It is common practice for wineries to purchase grapes and have them crushed and bottled at another facility. It does not necessarily diminish the quality of the wine, as evidenced by the Stony Ridge Malvasia Bianca.

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■ **Martin Snapp**

The Prodigal Returns: Hi. I'm back from my college reunion. And it was one of the most memorable experiences in my life.

I have to admit, I was scared stiff before I went. After all, I'm not exactly proud of some of the turns my life has taken. I don't have a wife, I don't have kids — I don't really even have a career since I got canned by the Tribune. Making it even harder was the shame I've felt for somehow not "measuring up" to my notion of what a Yale man is supposed to be.

But at the reunion, I discovered that my classmates have been struggling with the same things.

When we entered Yale as one of the last of the all-male classes, we expected our lives to progress on a straight line, onward and upward. It never occurred to us that living also means loss: loss of identity, loss of relationships, loss of meaning, and loss of those we love.

Some of us have blown our marriages. Some have alienated our kids. Some been downsized right out of our careers, and wonder how employable a 52-year-old man is in today's economy, even if he is a Yale.

As one of our number protested to the prof who flunked everyone on a quiz that first week of Freshman year: "You can't do that to us! We're the best and brightest!"

But life has done that to us. Not that we've flunked, but we're not supermen, either.

But in the course of this reunion, something special happened. Gone were the preening and posturing, the "hi-how-are-you-how's-the-wife-and-kids" small talk, the old distinctions between pudgy and preppie, cool and uncool. Instead, we talked to each other simply, and from the heart. We discovered each other — and ourselves, too. Sharing our deepest feelings bonded us to each other in a special way.

Many wives and partners also attended, and took enthusiastic part in our discussions. In some ways they know us better than we know ourselves, and love us better than we love ourselves. You could see the pride on their faces as they watched us letting down the barriers and getting real with ourselves and each other.

And their pride wasn't just for their particular significant other, either; it was for all of us. One of them delivered the benediction when she told us, "You're still the best and brightest. It's just that life had made you kinder, more thoughtful, more compassionate men."

We emerged strengthened, renewed, and determined that whatever life hands us, good and bad, we'll have the guts to pick ourselves up and, as one of our professors advised us, "just keep grinding away."

And we'll do it with a little help from our friends. We can give each other hope, encouragement, contacts, the lessons of our own success and failures, and — dare I say it? — love.

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But there was one last ghost that needed to be exorcised.

Back in 1963, on my very first day at Yale, I had an experience that has scarred me all my life.

We were assigned roommates by computer. The first to arrive was a guy named Steve, who took one look at me and sneered, "They didn't tell me they were rooming me with a Jewboy!"

A few minutes later, the other guy, Dave, showed up. He wasn't vicious, like Steve, and I doubt that he would have done anything on his own; but he went along as Steve pulled stunts like rolling a penny under the bed and saying, "Go get it, Jewboy."

After a few weeks the administration found out what was going on and yanked me out of that room. And that was the end of it — or so I thought.

Two years later, I was dating a young woman from Sarah Lawrence. It was a sweet little romance. I'd take the train to New York, and we'd meet in front of FAO Schwartz toy store.

One day she asked me, "What religion are you?"

"Ah, er, uh, um," I stammered.

"You're Jewish, aren't you?" she said.

"Uh, er, ah — well, yes," I finally admitted.

"I'm sorry," she said, "I can't go out with you anymore."

"But why?" I asked.

"Because both my parents were in concentration camps," she said, "and I refuse to go out with anyone who's ashamed to be a Jew."

With that, she walked across the street and disappeared into the subway. I never saw her again.

Well, guess what happened at the reunion? Steve wasn't there, but Dave was. And on Saturday night, he walked up to me, stuck out his hand, and said he was sorry.

I don't know who was more relieved — him or me. All I know is that it feels so good to let go of all that hurt and resentment. And I'm grateful to him for making it possible.

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child. But when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass, darkly."

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in the Journal. Write him c/o Hills Newspapers, 2936 Domingo Ave., Berkeley 94705, phone (510) 273-9039, or e-mail Snapp@BMUG.org or Catman1@creative.net

Grad

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Night tickets will also be available at the ECHS Spring Band Concert and Awards Night.

The Grad Night Committee will host the community, except graduating seniors, Preview Night, Thursday, June 12 from 4 - 7 p.m. The Grad Night design and construction

team will be at Preview Night to answer questions about Grad Night technology and procedures.

The Grad Night team includes Artist-in-Residence Dale Haratani, Architect Richard Sheig, Construction Supervisor Laurie Rissanen, Muralist Patrice Stone, Co-Facilitators Jim and Linda Young, and dozens of parent workers and vol-

unteers. As part of Preview Night, the Grad Night Committee will publicly acknowledge Barbara Patman, West County Schools Area III Director, Grad Night's "Guardian Angel."

Contrary to persistent rumors, Mrs. Haratani's assistant, Stephen Spielburg, will not be attending Preview Night.



Planned residential units on one portion of the site have generated considerable debate.

Response

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percent of the units would be townhouses at a density of 15 units per acre, the remaining 75 percent would be higher density units at 40 units/acre.

The proposed project also allows for the optional and always controversial inclusion of a cinema complex with 20 screens and 3,000 to 3,500 seats.

Time line

The DEIR divides the scheduling of the development into the order of retail/commercial portion, then the parking garage, the housing and the creek restoration. The retail/commercial portion would be constructed first, with demolition to begin in Spring, 1998 and an anticipated completion date of late Fall, 1999.

The 400-space parking garage in the northeast corner is slated to go up between Summer, 1999 and Summer, 2000. It will be funded by Contra Costa Transit Authority using Measure C funds, a voter-approved increase in County sales tax for transportation-related improvement projects. It will be built by BART. Plaza patrons would be able to park in it on evenings and weekends.

Yet, all the various time lines pivot on one unpredictable axis, that is the refusal of Milton Bilak, the owner of approximately half of the Plaza, to sell his portion to Wilton/Terranomics.

Bilak owns the property containing all the small businesses on the site, as well as the Lucky property. Long owns its own property. John Pensk & Co. has had an option to buy the Federated property (the Emporium) for some time. It is unclear if American Stores (owner of Lucky) will then buy or lease that property from Pensk.

Three weeks ago, Bilak began cooperating with the Redevelopment Agency's effort to do a appraisal of the Plaza. If Bilak and the Agency, however, cannot come to an agreement on the price, the issue will go to the courts in what would most likely be a lengthy and expensive condemnation process.

The gap between the two prices, as they are now, is large. While the Agency says Bilak's land and property are worth \$15 million, Bilak, although committing to an exact number, has defined a price range of between \$30 and \$40 million.

The price is pivotal to the project because the Agency will have a difficult time funding the purchase even at the lower price.

Notable impacts/mitigations

As has become par for local redevelopment, the project is moving forward despite disputes and financial insecurity. Surveyors study the creek, traffic counters go into the streets, and the draft EIR documents potential impacts and mitigations.

Construction nuisances are an obvious impact, as noted in the DEIR. The biggest disruption will be on current Plaza merchants, including problems of circulation, access, potential dust, noise and traffic effects. The mitigations include a traffic control management plan, maintaining access to all businesses that remain open, including signs to assist motorists in locating the businesses.

All Plaza store owners contacted by the Journal said they had not heard anything about when this process would begin, or what it would entail. Plaza Project Manager Robert Lyons said the Agency had relocation costs built into its budget.

Another potential land use conflict would be between the residential complex, in the southeast corner toward Cerrito Creek, and the retail/commercial complex, due to exterior lighting, traffic, and noise. Mitigation measures include exterior lighting with lenses and hoods, as well as "traffic calming" techniques (road textures, speed bumps, signage, diagonal parking, etc.).

The movie theater option would also conflict with the proposed residential units directly next to it, in the southeast corner toward Cerrito Creek.

The DEIR proposes a berm or wall to separate the two, no traffic access between them, and placement of the theater entrance on the northern and western facades. Parking for the theater would also be to the north, therefore the theater would screen the residential units from the parking. Project Manager Robert Lyons said, however, he thinks the Agency is leaning away from the theater option.

During construction, the cars of BART patrons who now park in the Plaza parking lot, would be displaced. Few satisfying mitigation measures ease this impact. For the surrounding neighborhoods, the four-hour limit will be more strictly enforced. For BART parkers, BART will seek replacement parking, some of which may be available on portions of the Plaza site, although "this measure may not be feasible," according to the DEIR.

Project traffic would also have adverse consequences on freeway operations and traffic on all on and off, northbound and southbound ramps of I-80 at Central

Avenue. Eventual mitigation measures include installing extra lanes, exclusive turning lanes, and a widening of the road.

Albany will also see adverse effects due to traffic. Evelyn Avenue, Talbot Avenue, Cornell Avenue, and Kains Avenue all run perpendicular to the site, opening up into Albany. Traffic and noise control measures are the usual ones: reduced travel lanes, speed humps, traffic diverters, neckdowns, special pavement treatments, etc.

Parking, one of the main community concerns, is listed as a potential impact. The residential units, however, will have parking levels below them, with 188 residential parking spaces. <@jsh>Citizen response

Most citizen responses to date are not centered so much on the impacts and mitigation in the DEIR itself, but to the plans that have emerged from what some citizens have dubbed the "EIR tunnel." After briefly viewing the report, Chair of Sustainable El Cerrito Steve Price said he was concerned about the walkable connectivity between the development and the BART station. "There is a big parking lot between the Plaza and the BART station. Putting a big parking lot there degrades the environment." The garage was not there during the public planning sessions, he said.

In the public planning sessions, Project Manager Bob Lyons said, citizens had discussed doing a diagonal bee-line from BART to what is being considered the nucleus of the project, the town square or plaza. But not only do stores scoff at the idea of having a store with corners at 45 degree angles, they say more foot traffic along the store-lined inlet into the Plaza at Liberty and Fairmount, the better.

Price is also concerned about the theater option, saying a theater in the Plaza "would potentially wipe out the Oaks and whatever other theater is on Solano." The contention of many citizens that the Plaza should be all retail, Price said, is erroneous. "The problem is that the U.S. is over retail. We could use department stores, but you can't get them in these days. Then, if we wanted to fill it with retail we would have to go to big box development of the 50,000 square feet and up variety."

On the issue of housing at the Plaza, Price has a different perspective from some of El Cerrito's more vocal citizens. He said, "Housing would help invigorate the small scale retail. Some people say it will degrade the single family homes nearby, but they are not really nearby," he said. "Outside of that proposed residential area, there is Cougar Field and the BART tracks."

What sounds dense, 40 units per acre, is not as dense as some people might think, said Price. He compared the density to that of San Francisco's North Beach, from 60 to 100 units per acre. "That part of the neighborhood already has 4-story apartment buildings, so it is already pretty dense," he added.

A recent newspaper article, Price said, mentions the tremendous housing needs in the Bay Area, especially rental needs. "Rents are going way up. If this project is done well, and the town square idea worked out, so there was a nice outlying area, those units could command high rents."

In sharp contrast, Margie K. Z. Meyers, an El Cerrito citizen who has lived on Contra Costa Drive for 45 years, has been circulating a petition against residential units at the Plaza. She has more than 200 signatures so far and could be found at the May 30 Farmers' Market gathering every week.

"We have a stable neighborhood," Meyers said. "We don't want residential. If we have residential, first we will have pollution. Each unit will have at least two cars, and there will be more cars coming in and out of the Plaza. I just don't think it is necessary. I think we should have businesses instead of housing."

Meyers said she envisions little businesses, a cafe or sandwich shop, a place to "sit and visit." She contends that the more cars there are at the Plaza, the more crime there will be.

And she has claims similar to what many residents comment on when it comes to the housing: the lack of consensus and the feeling that it was slipped into the proposal when the citizens were not paying attention. "When all of those neighborhood meetings were going on," she said, "most of us could only think about getting a good anchor, and the residential was just kind of crept in."

Resident Peter Loubal said he is concerned about the reduction in parking, as is Plaza Manager Janet Jolley, who claims there would not be enough parking for retail, let alone for a movie theater.

And, she added, "The citizens have a right to know the financials."

The Draft EIR became available for public review on May 16. The public review process will end on June 30. The El Cerrito Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Draft EIR on Thursday, June 19 at 7 p.m. at the El Cerrito Community Center.

Rider

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Line G, the transbay bus service to

In addition to a commemorative ceremony, the system was presented with a pass good for a year's worth of trips on the TransBay Bus. The system's most senior employee, Pangelinan, the system's most senior employee, made during a 60th anniversary celebration at the Transbay Transit Terminal Thursday.

AC Transit used this occasion to take a nostalgic look back at 60 years of service. The system's most senior employee, Pangelinan, the system's most senior employee, made during a 60th anniversary celebration at the Transbay Transit Terminal Thursday.

The District has developed proposed transit more effective for San Francisco commuters, thereby helping to relieve traffic on the Bay Bridge and contributing to the overall transit system. The proposals are described in the draft Transbay Transit Service Plan (CSP) now available for public review and comment.

For more information about the CSP (see the newsletter), call the CSP hotline at

Celebrate

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white woman had a black child, the mother, the father could be killed. "I was in the very midst of discrimination, of segregation but I was immune. I didn't have to go out and meet it head on."

—GIRARD GREEN

'I was in the very midst of discrimination, of segregation but I was immune. I didn't have to go out and meet it head on.'

grandfather did not take his son John Green. Luckily, old man Green accepted his wife John and built a house on the edge of the city. He put Girard's father, John Green, still in the house to be raised by one of the "mammys." After a while, old man Green died after he died, Mrs. Green moved back into the "big house," where he stayed died.

When John's mother, Girard's grandmother, dying she called John's older half brother over to her bedside. "She said, 'Ambrose, I always take care of my little black boy,' Girard said, suddenly sober.

With her death, Girard's father, a black suddenly the head of a cotton plantation, former slaves working for him. Girard was this plantation in 1897. He describes seeing white and black people in the fields.

"And we all played. We were happy. It was very midst of discrimination, of segregation was immune. I was insulated. I didn't have to go out and meet it head on." Eventually, boll weevils that attacked and destroyed the cotton field bloomed, hit and "destroyed cotton in the field. After the boll weevils came, John Green's family to Tampa Fla. where they even made trucking company.

Making Model Ts

But Girard only stayed in Florida for a while. In 1918, he went instead to Detroit for "old man Ford," of the Ford Motor Company making Model T's. He worked for old man Ford from 1918 to 1925.

In 1929, he joined the Hans Vroom Truck Company and became the firm's first African American supervisor. He spent the rest of his life there, until his retirement in 1964.

Girard Green seemed to dispel prejudice wherever he goes. He tells of when he was promoted to supervisor. A white man even called "Tex" said "I won't work with Green. I never taken orders from a colored man and now. If I have to I will quit." The general said he would transfer Tex to a crew with a supervisor as soon as possible, which happened in four months later.

When the general supervisor came by for his new assignment, Tex said, "If I can't work with Green, I'll quit."

"That has been my life," Girard says. "I've been no white and no black, everybody is my friend. I love everybody." He looks over at his son, who has his son smiling. "I said to my son, 'I hate me and I don't hate anyone.' He said, 'Father, all the people you hate are dead.' I says and bubbles over with laughter.

As I leave he confides, "I've lived through centuries and my goal is to live through this."

Passes

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mandates that things will essentially remain the same. In other words, in the time that it takes to get a resident to address their City Council, Albany a pair of paramedics at one's door.

A similar, county-wide initiative, Measure 5, passed by a more than 80 percent margin in assessment initiative failed in Alameda County.

Taking it personally

John Hartly

Many of us the process of remodeling and buying our dream home can be as nerve racking as tiptoeing through a mine field. Small wonder that more and more people are turning to the next best thing: remodeling. The remodeling industry is booming as a consequence. Making your current home yours is a life-style or change to needs or circumstances you simply bypass one of life's more difficult moments.

remodeling is not without its challenges. Apprehensions about what the process will be like can turn into an ordeal.

You're not careful, when the contractor and you get your beautiful new bathroom all you remember from your remodeling experience is how difficult it was to get that, said Nina Winans Construction, speaker in the remodeling field.

According to Nina's husband and business partner Paul Winans, it is better to be aware, in the face of the inevitable hiccups, and take the path to getting what you want may be very maddening.

remodeling," he said, "there are many and then there's the reality that one of those who have never remodeled don't understand."

After to prepare people for the effects remodeling might have on their lives, the Winans start by simply explaining in a forthright way. Winans offered an example:

"When a worker takes a sledgehammer to a wall in your home, unless you're ready for it, it's going to come as quite a surprise."

The Winans believe that their experience remodeling their own home, conducted on-and-off over an eight-year period makes them uniquely aware, and gives them personal insight into the trials and tribulations of the process. It helps them to empathize with their clients but also it allows them to put in place practical measures to soften

with the problem is characteristically succinct.

"Your everyday experience during remodeling can be made much less negative by having the contractor set up a temporary kitchen, a portable toilet, a separate phone line, while clearly marking the area of the house not to be disturbed and respecting those boundaries as if they were walls," said Paul.

Another source of stress centers around what the Winans call the "unpredictability of code enforcement." Those who never remodeled before are apt to think that code enforcement is clear-cut, a black-and-white affair. In fact codes can be interpreted more or less strictly depending upon the inspector who comes to the project.

Sometimes inspectors may place constraints, unanticipated when the work began, on the homeowners ability to do what he or she wants. Work may be introduced at inopportune moments in the project, where the contractor is asked to redo something so that it more clearly complies with, say, a fire code.

The Winans emphasize preparation as the key because, when the work is underway, homeowners will be asked to make a lot of decisions in a relatively short space of time. The sheer number and range of those decisions can be surprising. Equally surprising is the time and energy you can devote to them."

For example, where do you want the electrical outlets in your room? This means you have to know, in advance, where the furniture is go-

the impact of their work.

"From my point of view, it was very humbling to have remodeling done. It makes us more sensitive to how people experience it in everyday life," said Paul. (On the other hand, "if you're working with an insensitive builder, it can drive you nuts."

Sometimes it's the little things, the little irritations that accumulate to cause major headaches. "For example," says Nina, "you come downstairs in the morning expecting to sit down in your own kitchen and read the paper over coffee. You find that your kitchen does not exist — you don't know where the coffee or the coffee maker are and you have no place to sit."

The Winans point out that people take their private spaces for granted and never consider possible intrusions upon them in the planning stage. Their advice on how to cope



Renovating their own home has given the Winans the insight necessary to better work with their clients.

ing to go. You need to determine the use of the room early on. Extend that to light shades, doorknobs, trim, floor coverings, you begin to take notice of these things elsewhere and ask yourself the question: Would this look good in my house?

The Winans feel their experience of remodeling, which began on their own home in 1988, is typical. "We bought the house in 1987, and my motivation was to do the

remodel and meet our needs as quickly as we could," said Nina.

Unfortunately a limited budget stopped the Winans from immediately doing all the work they wanted. So dividing the work into phases allowed the Winans to take the benefit of remodeling the interior sooner rather than later.

The Winans' budget for the first phase allowed for an addition to the rear of the house creating a master

bedroom and bath upstairs as well as a breakfast nook off the remodeled kitchen on the main floor and a new space on the lower level.

"At the new rear exterior, we added the detailing that we plan to add later to the rest of the house," said Paul.

"Successful phasing of a project means that one does not have to undo work in a previous phase when

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L to R: Sandra Ladley, Judith Ratcliffe, John Ratcliffe, Russell Doi

Satisfied Homebuyer of the Week — Sandra Ladley

"Having just purchased my first home, I highly recommend the 3Rs: Red Oak + Ratcliffes + Russell! Under the Red Oak tree I found a wonderful trio to shepherd me through the wild adventures of home buying. My realtors Judith and John Ratcliffe educated me and anticipated every turn in the road. My mortgage broker Russell Doi provided me with expert financial counsel and made getting my dollars and dimes in a row easy. The three of them supported me in learning as much as possible; no question was too mundane or ridiculous. Because I was well-informed, I was then ready to make good decisions. Having them in the same office was convenient and kept communications clear and timely.

"People I know have described their first time home buying experiences with horror. I, on the other hand, feel that, however wrenching, the experience was magic. I couldn't have done it without the Ratcliffes and Russell. I am grateful to them and look forward to working with them again.

"Who knows what you'll find under the Red Oak Tree?"

HOMES OPEN SUNDAY

Michigan #13 (2-4).....	Berkeley.....	2+bd/2ba.....	\$299,000
Horton #24 (2-4).....	Emeryville.....	1+bd/1+ba.....	\$215,000
Horton #9 (2-4).....	Emeryville.....	1+bd/1+ba.....	\$229,000
Lexington #9 (2-4).....	Kensington.....	5bd/2+ba.....	\$409,000
Colusa (2-4).....	Kensington.....	2bd/1ba.....	\$229,000
Bayo (2-4).....	Oakland.....	3bd/1ba.....	\$145,950
Santa Clara (2-4).....	Rich. Annex.....	3bd/1ba.....	\$197,000

BY APPOINTMENT

NAMEDA	listed! 4bd Ariel model home.....	\$369,000
GRAND	2bd/1ba, frpl, garage, yard.....	\$219,000

BERKELEY

Stunning architectural landmark! 5bd/4ba.....	\$1,275,000
Big & airy 3bd/2ba with fabulous pano views.....	\$359,000
End-of-the-century house, used as duplex.....	\$339,000
Stylish & quality design, 3bd/1+ba, in 1000 Oaks.....	\$325,000
Stylish & quality design, 3bd, pano view.....	\$325,000
2bd units near N. Berk BART, income \$2600/mo.....	\$305,000
Two wonderful homes on 1 lot. Owner occ. exemption.....	\$298,000
Very classic converted to office/residence.....	\$270,000
Beautiful, sunny, spacious 2-unit fixer. Lots of storage.....	\$250,000
1ba home & studio apt. in Westbrae.....	\$245,000

Terrific split level bungalow. Large yard.....	\$210,000
Charming duplex unit - 3bd, attached garage, yard.....	\$199,000
Exquisite 1+bd/1+ba - move in cond. Must see!.....	\$174,000
Elmwood 2bd condo. Max conv. Bargain nr UCB campus.....	\$139,000
Condos near campus for University staff & faculty.....	\$114K-\$195K

EL CERRITO

Price reduced! Spanish/Medit. views, 6bd/3ba.....	\$325,000
Well maintained level 3bd/2ba adjacent to park.....	\$234,950
Cute & cozy bungalow on large landscaped lot.....	\$189,000
New listing! Bright & clean 2bd, centrally located.....	\$179,000
New price! 2bd/1ba cottage with new paint, carpet, appl.....	\$129,000

OAKLAND

Elegant estate near Piedmont border. 3bd/2+ba.....	\$549,000
Grand Traditional 4+bd/2.5ba, China Hill. Sharp!.....	\$249,000
Fab live/work 1bd/1+ba, great price, great space!.....	\$155,000
2bd bungalow. Garage, fireplace, small yard, dishwasher.....	\$103,900

RICHMOND

Turn-of-the-Century investment property.....	\$485,000
Beautiful 3bd/2ba Richmond hills home!.....	\$250,000
Annex. Super Triplex. More like a home & 2 units.....	\$249,000
Annex. Charming 2bd split-level baby English Tudor.....	\$158,000
Annex. Super cutie. 2bd, big yard, tree lined street.....	\$149,000
2bd/1ba home with studio rental unit over garage.....	\$119,900

SAN PABLO

Starter home - 3bd/1+ba, 7 years young.....	\$119,500
Close to trans, hwd, yard, 1-car garage, near shops.....	\$89,000

LOTS, LAND AND COMMERCIAL

Leased retail center - near BART & UC Berkeley.....	\$7,500,000
Attractive newer multi-use bldg in downtown Berkeley.....	\$1,995,000
Newer architect designed office building.....	\$1,695,000
Over 9,000 sq. ft. retail/office space w/parking.....	\$1,449,000
Wonderful single use building built by the Masons.....	\$775,000
3 retail in best Albany location. Perfect investment.....	\$549,000
Large commercial lot located near major shopping.....	\$300,000
Magnificent 5.79 ac parcel contiguous to Wildcat Cyn.....	\$225,000
Current permits available - soils & foundation reports.....	\$ 67,500
San Francisco-cafe/rest. Fully equipped - money making.....	\$ 49,000
Albany lease - 2,000 sq. ft. on San Pablo.....	\$2,220/mo.

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comprehensive source of free information on college financing. Sallie Mae's web site address is: <http://www.salliemae.com>.

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SMART MONEY



LEILA GOUGH

When you first started investing, you may have purchased a variety of different investments because someone else mentioned how "good" they were. Buy what they were good?

And why were they good for your needs? Before long, you may have forgotten to see how or if this mix of investments suits your investment goals. If that is the case for you, asset allocation may be just the tool you need to put a purpose behind your investing.

You may have heard financial experts use the term "asset allocation" to describe the process of determining how much of your assets should go toward various investment categories — namely, stocks, bonds and cash.

While certain investments may suit your financial needs, their associated risks may not. For example, stocks generally provide higher growth potential for your portfolio while bonds generally offer less risk to your principal

Strategies for placing assets

along with some income.

With each investment category you must also apply proper diversification, which can help reduce the overall risk to your assets. For instance, if you invest part of your assets in stocks, those stocks should be companies that work in a variety of different industries.

As for bonds, you should look at putting your bond assets into bonds that have different maturity length or are issued by different municipalities or companies.

To determine a sound strategy for allocating your investment assets, you may want to consider these simple but important steps:

Identify investment goals

To figure out how you should save, you should know what it is you are saving for. Whether it is retirement, the children's college education or a new house, the earlier you identify your long-term investment goals, the more easily you can establish an appropriate asset allocation.

Identify time horizon

Once you have identified your goals, you must pinpoint a time frame in which you want to meet those goals.

Though many investors may think age is a primary reason behind determining your asset allocation, it often is not. While your age may have some impact on your time frame, do not let it domi-

inate your decision. As a good example, a couple in their 40s trying to save for their newborn child's college education will probably need a similar allocation mix as a couple in their 20s in the same situation.

Though at different ages, both couples have the same time frame (about 18 years) to achieve the same investment goal.

Identify risk tolerance

Now that you know your objectives and your time horizon,

With patience and a set allocation, you can set a portfolio that is a important element of your out investment strategy. An investment portfolio provide further steps asset allocation can be better through your nights.

Leila Gough is Vice-President of Agedwards in Oakland. She can be reached at 273-8840. Visit www.agedwards.com.

Winans...

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The utility work done on the lower-level ceiling to serve the main and upper floors was carefully located so that when the lower floors finishes were installed all the utilities were hidden.

In the ensuing years the Winans did some seismic work on the house, but it wasn't until 1994 that they could complete work on the exterior.

Starting out, their home was a pale yellow color and notable only for its complete lack of trim. "The blandest home on the block, it jarred with the elegant houses along the rest of the street," Nina added.

Working with architects Richard Crandall and Steve Ryerson, the Winans added a new entry

roof, and the sort of subtle detailing so that the house "did not look like it was remodeled by a contractor. The Winans were so successful in improving the aesthetics of their home that they received a BAH Award, in 1996 for outstanding exterior renovation.

Despite that accomplishment the Winans do not lightly gloss over the difficulties they experienced along the way. They want others to learn from their mistakes. They also want to cushion people against the stresses and strains of the remodeling process.

"Remodeling is driven by changes in life circumstances, either positive or negative. The challenge is to deal with the added stress remodeling brings and make the experience as positive as possible," said Nina.

PACIFIC UNION RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

HOMES OPEN SUNDAY 2:00-4:30

OAKLAND / PIEDMONT / BERKELEY

217 GRAVATT DRIVE, CLAREMONT HILLS - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$859,000
New listing! Spectacular contemporary, panoramic SF/bay views! Vicki Woodhead

36 CREST ROAD, PIEDMONT - 3+BD/3+BA.....\$835,000
Gracious level-in home, peaceful setting, lovely condition. Bonnie Hirsch

943 AQUARIUS WAY, MONTCLAIR - 4+BD/3+BA.....\$799,000
New sophisticated Spanish on 1/4 acre, rumpus, den/library. Patricia Scott

5933 ESTATES DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/4BA.....\$739,000
Gorgeous Mediterranean, over 1/4 acre, SF bay view, new kitchen. Wendy Gardner

4401 HARBOR DR., UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/2+BA.....\$459,000
English country, charming details, fabulous chef's kitchen. Donna Costella

6575 ASCOT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 5BD/3BA.....\$457,000
Spacious & light, maximum privacy, bay views, rumpus, decks. Joan Dark

5014 CRYSTAL RIDGE, RIDGEMONT - 4+BD/3BA.....\$415,000
Outstanding kitchen/family room, 2 fireplaces, level yard. Robyn Mohr

7117 SNAKE ROAD, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$409,000
Beaut SF & bay view, 2 sunny decks, large level back yard. Ann Nichols

3834 BALFOUR, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 5BD/3BA.....\$399,000
Open, airy craftsman, orig woodwork, flexible floor plan. Debi Fitzgerald

6719 CHELTON DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$395,000
Reduced! Peaceful creekside setting, kit/fam rm combo. Dian E. McCan

1849 DRAKE DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 4BD/2+BA.....\$389,000
Gracious & sunny trad, fam rm, privacy, pool, 2-car garage. Nancy Chew

5115 FAIRHILL COURT, RIDGEMONT - 3+BD/2+BA.....\$389,000
All level, fam rm, 2 fpls, huge patio/garden areas, 3-car gar. Robyn Mohr

6912 COLTON BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/3BA.....\$379,000
Rich woods, family room, hot tub, private wooded setting. Ann Nichols

2101 MASTLANDS DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$375,000
Exceptional property on approx 1/4 acre of serene gardens. Sandi Klemmer

31 WESTWOOD COURT, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA.....\$375,000
New listing! Charming Spanish Mediterranean on approx 1/2 acre lot. Nancy Chew

410 MOUNTAIN BLVD., MONTCLAIR - 4BD/3BA.....\$369,000
Well maintained, spacious, remodeled kit & master bath. Debi Fitzgerald

4946 STONERIDGE COURT, RIDGEMONT - 3BD/2+BA.....\$339,000
Lovely home, canyon/bay views, kit/fam rm, wonderful yard. Rich Gould

2520 LEIMERT BLVD., OAKMORE - 3BD/2BA.....\$335,000
Exquisite colonial in oak tree setting, family room, 2 decks. Dick Cohen

5704 MORAGA AVENUE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$329,000
Huge lot in private setting, landscaped back yard & lawn. Chuck Corwin

328 62ND STREET, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/1+BA.....\$290,000
New listing! Craftsman, remodeled kit, large level yard. Donna DeBardi

4239 GREGORY STREET, REDWOOD HTS - 3BD/2BA.....\$269,000
All level, kit/family room combo, landscaped yard with deck. Teri Carlisle

5515 BROADWAY, ROCKRIDGE - 2BD/1BA.....\$210,000
New listing! Hdwd floors, fpl, formal dining, garden area. Lee Jacobson

3940 SEQUOYAH ROAD, OAKLAND - 3BD/1+BA.....\$249,000
Au pair w/sep entry, hdwd floors, pool & spa, 2-car garage. Lee Jacobson

6020 LEONA STREET, LINCOLN HEIGHTS - 4BD/1+BA.....\$219,950
Reduced! Spanish custom built, plus rm, serene garden. Diane E. McCan

2312 BLAKE STREET, BERKELEY - 2BD/1BA.....\$195,000
Unique 2-story condo, enchanting garden area, attic garage. Joanna Gould

4080 CARSON STREET, REDWOOD HEIGHTS - 2BD/1BA.....\$194,500
Special private cottage in lovely tree and garden setting. Diane E. McCan

BY APPOINTMENT

OAKLAND / PIEDMONT

EXCEPTIONAL PIEDMONT PROPERTY.....\$1,950,000
Magnificent home on 1/2 acre, 7+BD/5+BA, rich architectural detail, designer kitchen/family room, library, pool. Georgia Cornell

COMMANDING SF/FG VIEWS.....\$1,450,000
Gracious custom home w/sweeping views. Dramatic entry, 5+BD/4+BA, party room with wet bar, oversized garage. Robyn Mohr

1.4 ACRES OF SYLVAN SERENITY.....\$999,000
Stunning new home offering the ultimate in luxury & tranquility. 3BD/3BA, professionally decorated. Helen Danhaki 547-5750

HANDSOME ENGLISH TUDOR.....\$879,000
Spacious living room, formal dining, and large family room, each with its own fireplace, 3BD/2+BA, master suite. Sally Morrison

DISTINCTIVE CONTEMPORARY - PIEDMONT.....\$679,000
This spacious home on a cul-de-sac offers 4BD/4BA, 2 family rooms, views, and a 4-car garage. Helen Danhaki 547-5750

PRIVATE GARDEN SETTING.....\$549,000
Spacious garden setting with bay views. Dramatic entry, 4BD/3+BA, 2 bdrm suites, formal DR, spacious kit/fam. rm. Wendy Gardner

SWEEPING CANYON VISTAS.....\$499,500
Reduced! Bright contemporary, 3700+ sq. ft., architectural detail, 4BD/3+BA, rec/billiard room, gourmet eat-in kitchen. Robyn Mohr

PEACEFUL RETREAT - PIEDMONT.....\$469,000
Wonderful SF bay views! 4BD/2+BA, stunning new kitchen, formal dining, BD/BA down with separate entry. Martha Holstew

SPACIOUS ROCKRIDGE TRADITIONAL.....\$439,000
Great location! Bright, spacious LR & DR, 4BD/4BA, basement, level back yard, walk to BART & College Ave. Donna DeBardi

PIEDMONT VALUE NEAR SCHOOLS.....\$405,000
Easy living in this 3+BD/3BA home. Master suite, family room off kitchen with French doors to deck, level yard. Ann Nichols

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE!.....\$379,000
Charming 2BD/1+BA English cottage with beam ceilings and separate 1BD/1BA house with fireplace and garden. Kathy Flynn

DUTCH COLONIAL - PIEDMONT.....\$369,000
Charming 3BD/1BA home in great neighborhood. Hardwood floors, updated kitchen, formal dining, plus room. Helen Danhaki 547-5750

WALK TO MONTCLAIR VILLAGE.....\$359,000
This 3BD/3BA home offers a serene setting, eat-in kitchen, rec room, patio and garden areas for outdoor living. Joan Hause

MONTCLAIR CONTEMPORARY.....\$335,000
Custom built! 3BD/2BA, private setting with canyon vistas, full length deck, hot tub, great separation of spaces. Nancy Chew

UPPER ROCKRIDGE TRADITIONAL.....\$305,000
Excellent condition! 2BD/1BA, veranda viewing deck with bay views, formal dining room, and nice back yard. Chuck Corwin

STORYBOOK COTTAGE - MONTCLAIR.....\$289,000
Updated home with leaded glass windows and French doors, 2BD/1+BA, studio over garage, level yard, garage. Nancy Chew

ROCKRIDGE TRADITIONAL.....\$287,000
One level, 2BD/2BA, hardwood floors, oak box beam ceilings, two fireplaces, remodeled kitchen and baths. Francis Heath

PRIVATE MONTCLAIR RETREAT.....\$279,000
Unique pole house in private garden setting, 2BD/2BA, open floor plan, fireplace, decks, walk to the Village. Vicki Woodhead

REDWOOD HEIGHTS GEM.....\$254,500
Charming ranch style lovingly remodeled and upgraded. 3BD/1BA, patio, spa, gazebo, beautiful level yard. Diane E. McCan

SERENE AND PRIVATE.....\$254,500
Spacious 3BD/1+BA, home with tree and bay views. Lots of glass, deck overlooks beautiful park-like yard. Diane E. McCan

REDWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT.....\$232,500
Lovely 3BD/1BA home, remodeled kitchen, pretty rear yard with garden, new roof, attached 2-car garage. Diane E. McCan

PIEDMONT AVENUE BUNGALOW.....\$209,000
Walk to Piedmont Ave shops and restaurants! 2BD/1BA, fresh paint, hdwd flrs, fireplace, spacious deck, great yard. Joan Dark

ART DECO CONDOMINIUM.....\$204,500
Bright 2BD/1BA home with master suite, formal dining room, fenced garden with lovely hill view, garage. Wendy Gardner

ROCKRIDGE CONDOMINIUM.....\$179,500
Best Country Club location! Sunny 2BD/2BA unit, move-in condition, balcony, near shops and restaurants. Joan Daniel

COZY STARTER.....\$139,500
Great block in nice neighborhood. 2BD/1BA, eat-in kitchen, hdwd floors, level yard and white picket fence, garage. Lee Jacobson

CONVENIENT CONDO LIVING.....\$139,000
3BD/2+BA, enclosed patio and deck, in-unit washer/dryer, fireplace, breakfast bar, vaulted ceilings, garage. Dick Cohen

STARTING OUT? STARTING OVER?.....\$127,000
Tranquil Rose Garden condo in highly desirable complex. 1BD/1BA, dining area, balcony, parking space. Joan Hause

PEACEFUL ROSE GARDEN CONDO.....\$75,000
Sunny top floor unit with south bay view. 1BD/1BA, large closet, remodeled kitchen and bath, pool, spa, storage. Lee Jacobson

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OAKLAND/PIEDMONT



MEDITERRANEAN CONTEMPORARY \$750,000
An exciting Claremont Hills home on a sunny cul-de-sac with lovely bay views. 4BR, 2+BA, study. Add your own finishing touches! JULIE LEHMAN BUTTNER 845-6021

OAKLAND/PIEDMONT

FEELS LIKE MONTCLAIR...
Except for the price! Small bungalow in a great setting has bonus room for hobbies, storage, and a lot more. CATHY MOULTON 428-0901

AFFORDABLE LOCATION!
3BR, 1BA with large level yard and fireplace. Appointment! HOWARD CONVERSE 839-9999

BEST BUY!
Excellent condition Spanish Mediterranean, charming. MARY DRESSER 339-9290

NEAR BERKELEY & EMERYVILLE
2BR, 1.5BA, full basement, large back yard, driveway, sun deck, upgraded plumbing and young roof. RONALD CANCELLER 528-5711

BERKELEY/ALBANY

CREEKSIDE CRAFTSMAN
Looks like a modern Maybick in superb condition. Incredible garden, 3BR, 2.5BA & some vinyl finishes & details. NORA BROWER 845-0840

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY
1700 La Loma near north campus big new home built in 1900 with a separate duplex and another wooded lot, as is. OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30 PM. WENDY KASHIWA 287-9123

YOUR OWN REDWOOD TREE!
Lovely, spacious 3BR charmer ideally located schools, parks, shopping and public transit! Huge basement has plus rooms, storage, great backyard. CAROL HEATH-KIM 527-9800

ELMWOOD BUNGALOW - BERKELEY
3BR, 1.5BA, convenience plus! Charming but moldings, bright, move-in condition, 1st open. OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 4:30, 2940 Florence. WENDY KASHIWA 287-9123

RIO NIDO COTTAGE ON SALE
Strawberry Creek gem 2BR, 1BA close to BART, Transit, shopping. CANDICE WARWICK 845-0200

TWO FOR THE PRICE OF ONE
3BR, 2BA Victorian, large undeveloped back yard, 2BR, 1BA cottage, off street parking. FRED 845-0200, 869-4632

CRAFTSMAN!
2BR, with wainscoting, floor to ceiling electric, plumbing, kitchen & appliances. PARKINSON/GIPSON 849-3711, 273-9078

WALK TO UC!
Impeccable condo, 1BR, 1BA 3 blocks north of campus, new paint, secure building, secure parking. MARY HANNA 845-0211

WEST COUNTY

FEELS LIKE COUNTRY!
Country like home with 2BR cottage on huge lot. Beautiful bay views from quaint home on 2.1 acres in the El Cerrito Hills. Amazing large garden. CAROL HEATH-KIM 527-9800

PRIDE-OF-OWNERSHIP 4-PLEX
New listing! First time on market! 2BR, 1BA unit investment! CAROL JEKABSON 849-3711

LOTS FOR SALE

STUNNING BAY VIEWS
3 bridge views from this 1/4 acre lot. Neighbors of custom luxury homes. DAVID ICHIKAWA 428-0900, 547-8978

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Events

Events Calendar does not list all events. For more information on these events can be made by calling 424-7777. Listings are made on a space available basis.

Oakland Partners Toward Increasing Ownership In Our Neighborhoods (OPTIONS) celebrates National Homeownership Week, June 7 through June 14. Join them Sat. June 7 for a Home Ownership

Fair at Clinton Park. Learn more about homeownership opportunities in Oakland and get prequalified for a home loan. For details call 238-3056.

The Building Education Center (BEC) is the place to start your dream home or to start turning your home into a dream. On Sat., June 7 BEC presents architect/artist Jon Larsen's **Alternative Materials: Cob and Strawbale**. Builder/de-

signer Andus Brandt's **Drywall Finishes: Hands On** and teacher/woodworker Dick Taylor's **Cabinet Refacing** are on tap Sun. June 1. Call BEC at 525-7610 for more information.

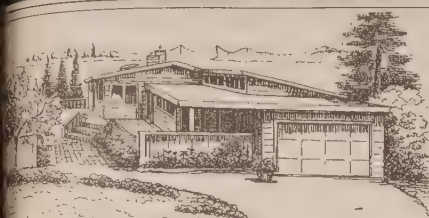
Holton Furniture and Frame invites you to its **Opening Reception**, noon to 4 p.m., Sat., June 7 at 5515 Doyle St. in Emeryville. Browse through a variety of custom Arts and Crafts frames that feature mortise-and-tenon joinery. In addition Mr. Holton will be displaying his Classic Craftsman mirrors. These carved and painted mirrors feature lively geometric patterns. Call 450-0350 for more information.

The Alameda County Waste Management Authority presents a free **Basic Compost Workshop**, 2 to 4 p.m. Sat. June 7 at the Oakland Compost Demonstration Garden, 666 Bellevue Ave. in Lakeside Park, adjacent to the Garden Center Building in Oakland. Learn how to compost yard and kitchen waste and transform trash into fertilizer. The workshop is held in conjunction with the **Open Garden Weekend**, held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 444-SOIL for more information.

The Oakland/East Bay Garden
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MARVIN GARDENS

REAL ESTATE

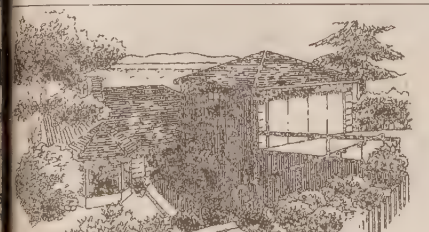


SECRET KENSINGTON HIDE-AWAY \$429,000
Eagle Hill (off Coventry) 1ST OPEN. SUNDAY 2-4. Spacious and sunny architect designed home on private cul-de-sac. Panoramic bay & S.F. views. Walls of glass. Three bedrooms, two baths upstairs plus large in-law with fireplace downstairs. Large decks, private garden & patio.
Todd Hodson, 527-9111, 273-9515

WESOME VIEWS \$429,000
Stunning lights, S.F. Bay, 4 bridges & 5 counties! Tri-level design for luxury & versatility! 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, Family room. Living room with soaring ceiling. Deck perfect for entertaining!
15 Broadway Terrace, Oakland. Open Sunday, 2-4 pm
McLeish 527-2700, 526-1101



BERKELEY \$389,000
Cross from Tilden Park, majestically set on a quarter acre lot in Berkeley's Park Hills, this three bedroom home offers comfort and serenity. Family and bonus rooms, extensive parking and garage. Private natural setting with beautiful garden and wooded views. Mary Gray 527-9111, 466-5843.



COMFORT & SERENITY \$389,000
Three units in Kensington. Live in the top 2 bedroom, 1 bath with view, rent out the other two. Walk to shops. By appointment only 57 Edgemoor Road. Ann Ariola Plant 287-8761, 527-2700

MILLION DOLLAR NEIGHBORHOOD \$299,000
Big and BIG private lot with Bay view. House needs work. Showings only. Ann Ariola Plant 287-8761, 527-2700

W. ROCKRIDGE LISTING! \$269,000
Stunning Craftsman bungalow in the heart of Rockridge. Recently updated with designer-perfect detailing. Bleached hardwood floors, box beams and sunny gourmet kitchen. Lovely garden with Todd Hodson 527-9111, 273-9515.

W. BERKELEY \$255,000
Story townhouse in excellent location & in move-in condition. Hardwood ceilings & comfortable kitchen with all appliances staying. Plunkett 527-9111, 273-9506.

BRIDGE VIEW \$229,000
Panoramic views from the upstairs bedrooms and decks. This 4 bedroom, 3 bath, seven year old home is located in a quiet cul-de-sac with easy access to community pool, tennis courts and more. Sun 527-9111, 235-1669.

DELIGHTFUL \$179,000
Intricate 2 bedroom in wonderful neighborhood. Walk to great schools. Charming yard overflowing with roses and fruit trees! Gilman, Berkeley. Open Sunday, 2-4:30 pm
McLeish 527-2700, 526-1101



AFFORDABLE + BAY VIEWS + EXPANSION \$169,950
Two story contemporary home with a wonderful Golden Gate Bridge view. Many upgrades, new roof, new paint, new vinyl floors and refinished hardwood floors. Plus rooms and a basement for expansion or workshop. Pest work cleared.
Sun 527-9111, 235-1669.

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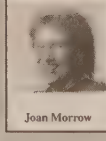
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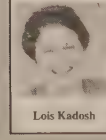
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Weighing mortgage risks

By H. W. Moss

My friends, Jess and Rhea, are about to buy their first home. It's a 2,600 square-foot townhouse in a new development in Concord that's selling well above the national average price for townhomes. He's a lawyer and she works for a medical office supply company. They need a jumbo loan even though they are putting 20 percent down.

The problem they and many others have is the age-old question of which type of mortgage should they get? They have a choice of adjustable, fixed rate or a combination of the two called a convertible.

There is no right or wrong answer. It used to be the primary question borrowers had to ask themselves was the planned holding period.

These days they have to factor in their degree of risk aversion as well as where rates are at the moment they are making this decision. And that's in addition to selecting an index on which to peg an adjustable loan if they go that route.

With current rates somewhere in the mid-range and the Federal Reserve surprising everyone by not changing rates recently, the favorite type of loan now is the five-year convertible — a combination of fixed and adjustable, according to loan broker Richard Redmond with All California Mortgage.

"Last February, when rates were low, 30-year fixed-rate loans were preferred," Redmond said. "There are two reasons why hybrid loans are now the most popular," said Redmond.

"First, most people plan to own for from three to seven years. Second, they have become used to refinancing and know rates go up and down. They want to get into fixed rate loans when they are at the low end of the cycle."

Thus, if the timing is not right,

how long they intended to hold the property, that was never an easy task. Anything can happen to alter the assumptions on which it is based.

Lifestyles change, there might be an unexpected increase or decrease in family size and future job opportunities as well as local economic conditions are all factors that can make the decision to stay put for five or 10 or 20 years a difficult one with which to live.

Most of us have become accustomed to the idea of an adjustable

rate. But that brings into focus the question of which index out of a dozen in common use a borrower should

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most borrowers appear willing to accept a temporary variable rate loan. Jess is a good example. When he began the home buying process, he was absolutely positive he wanted a fixed rate from the start. Now he is not so certain. Although he intends to live there forever, he really wanted a level payment plan and is definitely risk averse.

The problem with an adjustable, he realized, was that rates can go up dramatically. In contrast to Redmond's comment, however, Countrywide Home Loans' public relations officer Jumana Totry claims the 30-year fixed is still their most popular product.

So, there are plenty of risk-averse people like Jess. If it was once the case that the most important question a borrower had to answer was

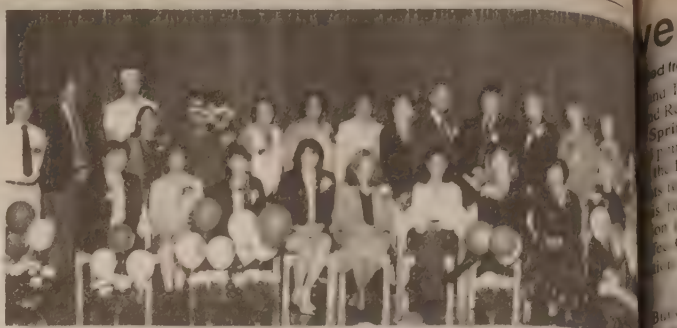
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The spread or margin is the amount over the base index an adjustable loan will cost every month. How frequently an index moves, whether daily or monthly, and if there is a lag time in its calculation, are important considerations.

Other basic questions to ask about adjustables is how much and how fast a loan rate will change and the maximum amount of change called for in the contract. When mortgage rates sink low enough, an old-fashioned practice called mortgage raiding becomes popular.

Mortgage raiders mail and call borrowers promising enormous savings if they refinance. This occurs when the rate gap widens between fixed-rate loans made many years

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The recipients of the Mason-McDuffie Education Foundation's grants pause for a moment during the recent ceremonies honoring them for their innovative classroom teaching.

Realtor honors educators

The nonprofit Mason-McDuffie Real Estate Education Foundation recently awarded \$30,000 to 60 teachers at two separate ceremonies. The foundation recognizes Northern California public school educators who demonstrate a passion and excitement about the process of teaching, a commitment to education and the drive to surpass existing curriculum standards.

The foundation, which has awarded \$120,000 to 240 educators in the five years since its inception, gave \$500 each to teachers from Alameda, Contra Costa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano and Santa Cruz Counties.

"Stewardship and a responsibility to the community that sur-

rounds us, is one of our core value principles at Mason-McDuffie and something we take very seriously," said David Cobo, president and chief executive officer of Mason-McDuffie Real Estate.

Those receiving grants in Berkeley were Berkeley High School's Tamara Friedman, Addie Holsing of Willard Middle School and Marshall Elementary School's Ted Watson.

Oakland's grantees included: Susan Cristancho of Claremont Middle School, Prescott Elementary's Geraldine Drew, Cleveland Elementary's Elaine Hedge, Monteria Junior High's Alice Holmes, Lakeview Elementary's Priscilla McClendon, Chabot Elementary's Josie Ramirez, Hillcrest Elementary's Claudia

Stanford and...

"The company generously donated the grants. It's the result of a commitment to education," said Cobo.

According to Cobo, the grants are not just a reward for teachers, but also a way to encourage them to continue to improve their teaching. The grants are given to teachers who have been nominated by their colleagues and have been recognized for their innovative classroom teaching.

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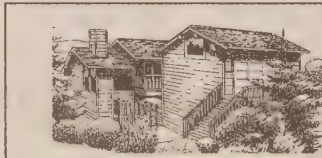
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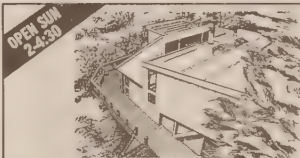
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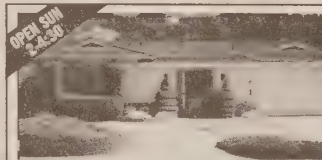
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Realty prices up in Bay Area

A national real estate information service reports that the average price paid for a resale home in the Bay area last month is up 8.8 percent from the previous April and 11.6 percent from April 1995.

DataQuick Information Systems spokesman John Karevold yesterday said these figures show that the Bay area's real estate market has fully recovered from the state's recent recession.

"The Bay area has seen year-after-year increases in sales volume the last year-and-a-half. If current trends stay in place, 1997 will see the highest number of homes sold since 1989," he said.

Karevold said that, in the nine counties of the Bay area, the median average price for a house being resold — that price at which an equal number of houses sold for more and an equal number sold for less — was \$260,000 last month. It was \$233,000 in April 1996.

Buyers purchased 5,891 resale homes last month, compared to 5,419 the previous April. This represents an 8.7-percent increase. Karevold chalks up much of the gain in the higher median price to increased sales of more expensive homes.

Other local real estate markets have been improving as well. Last month's resale condominium sales were up 27.2 percent from a year ago, with 1,441 units sold, and the

median price in the market was \$179,000, up 3.5 percent from last April, Karevold said.

Bay Area sales of newly built homes for April 1997 were up 29.3 percent with the average price, \$251,000, up 3.7 percent from April 1996.

Buyers purchased the most resale homes in Santa Clara County, followed by Alameda and Contra Costa counties in second and third place respectively, for the second April in a row according to Karevold.

Also, for both April 1996 and 1997, Marin County resale homes were, on the average, the most expensive, followed by San Mateo and San Francisco counties, he said.

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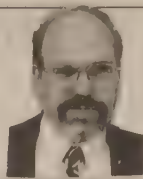
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OWNING A PIECE OF HISTORY

MARK A. WILSON



Renovation, a personal point of view, part 2

In my last column, I discussed how my wife and I had done what I called a "sympathetic renovation" of our 1923 bungalow in Berkeley, restoring most of the Arts-and-Crafts details on the interior of our house.

Now I will describe the difficult, yet satisfying experience of designing and building a "sympathetic addition" onto a historic house.

Two years after we bought our house, my wife and I decided that our two-bedroom, one-bath bungalow was no longer large enough for our needs. For the next several weeks, we carefully considered the various aspects of building either a second-story addition or putting an addition onto the back of our house.

We finally decided against building a second-story addition for four reasons. First, it was more expensive to build up rather than out. Second, we would have to do

some major foundation work first to support a second story.

Third, a lot of space on a two-story home would be taken up with stairways. Finally, a second story is more difficult to match aesthetically to a historic house than an addition onto the back end of the house.

Once we decided on what type of addition to construct, we set about the task of choosing a contractor to help us draw up the plans (i.e. a complete set of working blueprints) for the extra rooms we wanted to build.

Our goal was to add a bedroom, a deluxe full bath with a whirlpool, a sun room that could be used as a breakfast room and a large cabinet pantry and laundry room.

The extra space we needed to add to our existing house in order to accommodate these three new rooms was less than 300 square feet. This was because we decided

to incorporate the old breakfast nook area onto the new bathroom and the old laundry-room porch area into the new pantry.

Our primary concern in designing the interior and exterior decor of this addition was to avoid having it look like a new section of the house and to have it match as much as possible the look of the original house.

In order to be certain that we would achieve the desired result, and to have as much control over the process as possible, my wife ultimately decided to act as our architect and draw up the working blueprints herself.

Although this task required my wife's reading several books on how to design your own house, as well as wading through all of Berkeley's zoning requirements, it had the advantage of saving about \$3,000 in architect's fees.

Of course, if you don't have some training or experience in design as my wife does, it is best to rely on the services of a professional architect or design firm.

After my wife finished drawing a complete set of blueprints, we began interviewing various local building contractors to find one who would work well with our aesthetic priorities and modest budget.

We interviewed six builders whose bids ranged from a high of \$80,000 to a low of \$38,000. After checking the references of the two lowest bidders, we settled on the firm of John Reed of Oakland. Their bid for the construction of our addition (without the interior finish work) came to \$43,500.

We hired my brother-in-law, a

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licensed contractor in San Francisco, to do all the interior finish work. This work included: laying and finishing the hardwood floors in the bedroom, laying the linoleum in the sunroom and bathroom installing all the doorknobs and painting all the rooms.

The biggest challenge for the exterior turned out to be making certain that both the materials and the workmanship matched the historic character of the existing house.

First of all, we insisted that John Reed hire a plasterer experienced in applying exactly the same texture to the exterior that was used in the original 1920's surfaces.

The second challenge we encountered was making sure that all the windows and frames matched the old ones. This involved using only "true divide" panes for the windows.

True divide panes have latticed sections divided by wooden muntins rather than strips of plastic applied to the windows' outer surfaces. These tacky-looking strips are often used in additions when authenticity of materials and appearance is of less concern.

Our third challenge was to be

certain all the windows installed were like the originals. The distance from the surface of the wall to the center of the window frame was the same as the original.

This may seem like a small matter, but it is one of the small touches of a historic house that determine the aesthetic structural integrity of the house.

I use the word "aesthetic" because each time the expenditure of time and money that was necessary for less accurate features.

For example, to divide windows that we had to have them by Marvin Windows a few weeks longer, deriding standard "false" windows and roughly dividing each window. The worth the extra expense.

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Events...

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Quick of Red Oak Realty and Karen Ward of CMG Mortgage present free Real Estate Financing 101, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 14 at 1225 Solano Ave. in Albany. Become an educated consumer; minimize closing costs; learn the difference between a no money down and a no money down with lender guidelines; required to qualify and complete assistance programs. Reservations are required. Call 718-

Going Travel Shop and presents historic Mark Walking Tour of Historic Downtown Berkeley, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Sun., June 15 Meet at the corner of Shattuck and Addison. Explore the colorful history of the Old Downtown along with a variety of architectural gems that was once the second widest street in America. The \$12 fee in-

cludes refreshments. Call 273-9383 for more information.

Catherine Teegarden of Commonwealth United Mortgage presents the free seminar **How To Make Money Using the FHA 203(k) Purchase/Rehab Loan**, 7 p.m., Thurs., June 26 at the First American Title Company, 1544 Webster St. in Oakland. Learn how to purchase, rehab and sell residential properties. Realtors can learn how to locate and market 203(k) fixer-uppers. Owner-occupants can buy fixed-up properties for no money down both single home and multiunit properties, sell them quickly and realize your profits. Nonprofits (churches and others) can buy and fix up properties for the communities they serve. Realtors, homebuyers and nonprofits are all welcome to attend. This workshop is held on an ongoing basis. Reservations are required. Call Catherine Teegarden at 210-8103 for information and reservations.

Now is the time to prepare for **East Bay Habitat for Humanity's Build-A-Thon** fund-raiser, Fri.,

July 4 through Sun., July 6 and Fri. July 11 through Sun. July 13. Join over 1,000 volunteers who will raise over \$100,000 to pay for building materials for 10 new Habitat homes. Sign up early to be a part of this unique and exciting blitz build fund-raiser. Call Chris at 251-6304 for more information.

A free **First-Time Home Buyer Seminar**, sponsored by Red Oak Realty and Mortgage Network, 1891 Solano Ave., Berkeley is held the first Wed. of each month at 7 p.m. Find out about first-time homebuyer programs, get tips from a licensed Red Oak agent on how to make an offer, negotiate the best deal, handle home inspections; learn about contingencies that may protect a buyer from adverse conditions, and see if it may be more economical to buy rather than to rent. Get prequalified and receive a listing of homes for sale in your price range. Reservations are required. Call Russell Doi at 526-6554 to register or for more information.

Wausau Mortgage Corp. announces Charles Patton's free 203(k) mortgage workshop **Rehabilitate for Profit or Equity** with a

Proven Product. The workshop, which will show you how to use the 203(k) loan program to purchase, renovate and resell property in a short time, is held on an ongoing basis. Call (800) 801-1320, ext. 240 for times and places in your area.

The **East Bay Leads Club** meets 7:45 a.m. Wednesdays at the Kaiser Center Cafeteria, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. The Leads Club, the largest leads generating organization in the world, is open to all business owners, salespeople, managers and professionals. During weekly 75-minute meetings, each member gives a brief business presentation and exchanges leads collected during the previous week. Call 845-6688 for more information.

The **Orchid Society of California** meets at 8 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Lake Merritt Garden Center, 666 Bellevue Ave., Oakland. Learn about orchids and their care. Purchase orchid plants at the members' plant sale before the meeting. Orchid lecturers share their knowledge and provide plants for a raffle. Call 531-1210 for more information.

Rid yourself of waste

This weekend may be the time to clean out the garage or get rid of that unsightly pile in the back yard or the back corner of the house.

Perhaps you've been putting off the task because of "things" lying around you just don't know what to do with: the rest of that varnish from when you finally got around to finishing that table, the oil from the last time you decided to save money and change the oil in the car yourself and or the half a can of smelly insecticide that worked so well on those invading ants (it's no wonder they left!).

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Call the Alameda County Household and Hazardous Waste at (800) 606-6606.

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In recognition of Older Californians Month, the board has a

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To receive a copy of "What Seniors Should Know Before Hiring a Contractor," call (800) 321-2752 or write to Contractors State License Board, P.O. Box 26000, Sacramento, CA 95826.

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CORNER FENCED YARD FOR THOSE W/GREEN THUMB.....\$129,000
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■ **1111 Jones Street** - Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath craftsman with formal dining room, kitchen nook, hardwood floors, fireplace & easy maintenance yard. Separate 1 bedroom, 1 bath unit downstairs. Offered at \$179,000.

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For further information, please contact:



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Area Home Sales

ALAMEDA
106 Anderson Rd. - \$386,000
371 Anderson Rd. - \$371,000
82 Applegate Way - \$359,000
7 Argus Ct. - \$257,000
1128 Bay St. - \$510,000
227 Beach Rd. - \$207,000
1327 Burbank St. - \$302,000
152 Capetown Dr. - \$317,000
2525 Clement Ave. - \$203,000
450 C. Ballena #B - \$204,000
2106 Otis Dr. - \$118,000
924 Regent St. - \$220,000
3508 Savana Lane - \$165,000
37 Smith Ct. - \$337,000
1407 Union St. - \$180,000
1801 Versailles - \$205,500
1832 Walnut St. - \$193,000

ALBANY
907 Cleveland Ave. - \$195,500
944 Masonic Ave. - \$239,500
535 Pierce, 3200 - \$147,500
535 Pierce, 3412 - \$161,000
555 Pierce, 426 - \$89,500
1031 Pomona Ave. - \$231,500

BERKELEY
1614 6th St. - \$312,000
1817 8th St. - \$100,000
2738 Acton St. - \$145,000
59 Alvarado Rd. - \$760,000
1583 Arch St. - \$204,000
2433 Bonar St. - \$189,000
1531 Campus Dr. - \$285,000
545 Colusa Ave. - \$350,000
2323 Howe St. - \$138,500
2043 Lincoln St. - \$345,000
1510 McGee Ave. - \$269,000
1223 Oxford St. - \$179,000
2526 Piedmont Ave. - \$509,000
752 San Diego Rd. - \$685,000
905 Spruce St. - \$200,000
572 The Alameda - \$426,000
1665 Visalia Ave. - \$370,000

EL CERRITO
528 Bonnie Dr. - \$281,000
829 Norvell St. - \$222,500
796 Pomona Ave. - \$225,000
612 Seaview Dr. - \$225,000

EL SOBRANTE
4855 Hilltop - \$137,500
3813 La Colina - \$153,000
925 North Rancho - \$170,000

5819 Robinhood - \$165,000
5248 Valley View - \$145,000

EMERYVILLE
3 Admiral, 257F - \$108,500
5 Commodore Dr. - \$95,000

OAKLAND
369 Adams St. - \$195,500
1002 Adeline St. - \$108,500
4850 Allendale - \$158,000
935 Aquarius Way - \$517,500
2993 Ashbrook Ct. - \$153,000
6725 Avenal Ave. - \$113,000
565 Bellevue, 1203 - \$159,000
4407 Bennett Place - \$226,000
5340 B'way Ter. 404 - \$155,000
6015 Buenaventura - \$141,500
5636 Cabot Dr. - \$273,000
5665 Cabot Dr. - \$346,500
5431 Claremont - \$194,000
7835 Crest Ave. - \$194,000
211 Duncan Way - \$297,000
115 Elysian Flds. - \$196,000
5748 Florence Ter. - \$303,000
988 Franklin, 903 - \$130,000
4697 Geranium - \$216,000
6441 Girvin Dr. - \$274,000
3932 Harrison St. - \$275,000
6627 Heartwood Dr. - \$295,000
5742 Hermann St. - \$169,500
3368 Jordan Rd. - \$188,000
1555 Lakeside, 184 - \$130,000
6683 Liggett Dr. - \$281,000
3929 Lincoln Ave. - \$110,000
4454 MacArthur - \$162,000
5619 Manila Ave. - \$141,500
10 Marlow Dr. - \$185,500
5346 Miles Ave. - \$288,000
300 Park View - \$223,000
6660 Pine Needle - \$341,000
6319 Pinehaven - \$289,000
463 Rich St. - \$190,000
6865 Ridgewood - \$195,000
7519 Rudsdale St. - \$101,000
326 Santa Clara - \$180,000
5939 Sherwood Dr. - \$193,000
4890 Shetland Ave. - \$205,000
7601 Sterling Dr. - \$135,000
2020 Tampa Ave. - \$295,000
6287 Valley View - \$222,000
4400 Walnut St. - \$170,000

5 Wee Blythen - \$542,500
3027 Wisconsin - \$260,000
15 Woodcliff Ct. - \$199,000

PIEDMONT
221 Highland - \$385,000
304 Scenic Ave. - \$535,000

SAN LEANDRO
1548 150th Ave. - \$100,000
1631 151st Ave. - \$118,000
343 Anza Way - \$160,000
2081 Arctic St. - \$145,000
15676 Atlantis - \$242,000
15685 Atlantis - \$242,000
14662 Bethany - \$144,000
14686 Birch St. - \$160,000
2279 Blackpool - \$180,000
331 Caliente Circle - \$106,500
15929 Cambrian Dr. - \$186,000
15217 Central Ave. - \$160,000
304 Cherrywood - \$175,000
370 Cherrywood - \$130,000
841 Collier Dr. - \$234,000
16670 Cowell St. - \$300,000
15683 Cruiser - \$268,000
22 Donna St. - \$137,000
495 Dowling - \$247,000
421 Estabrook St. - \$134,000
331 Farrelly Dr. - \$140,000
15132 Flying Mist - \$325,500
673 Freesia Ct. - \$265,000
315 Garcia Ave. - \$155,000
769 Joaquin Ave. - \$195,000
710 Martin - \$128,000
15771 Maubert Ave. - \$130,000
15997 Maubert Ave. - \$176,000
763 Midway Ave. - \$130,500
450 Oakes - \$217,000
630 Pershing Dr. - \$150,000
1187 Purdue St. - \$183,000

14089 Reed Ave. - \$119,000
1739 Scenicview - \$400,000
14067 School St. - \$187,500
16575 Selby Dr. - \$115,000
791 Victoria Ave. - \$160,000
1420 Vista Grand - \$199,000
14550 Wake Ave. - \$149,000
14567 Wake Ave. - \$150,000
1973 Whelan Ave. - \$140,000

SAN LORENZO
16163 Ashland - \$200,000
688 Bockman Rd. - \$159,500
16168 Silverleaf - \$217,000
660 Via Aires - \$148,000
666 Via Aires - \$152,000
672 Via Alamo - \$168,000
15927 V. Cordoba - \$165,000
1457 V. El Monte - \$169,000
1710 V. Escondido - \$167,000
16059 Via Harriet - \$166,000
15591 Via Vega - \$174,000
803 Videll St. - \$148,000

SALES STATS BY CITY

ALAMEDA
TOTAL SALES: 17
LOWEST PRICE: \$118,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$510,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$266,735

ALBANY
TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$89,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$239,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$177,416

BERKELEY
TOTAL SALES: 17

LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$760,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$321,558

EL CERRITO
TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$222,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$281,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$238,375

EL SOBRANTE
TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$137,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$170,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$154,100

EMERYVILLE
TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$95,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$108,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$101,750

OAKLAND
TOTAL SALES: 47
LOWEST PRICE: \$101,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$542,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$219,606

PIEDMONT
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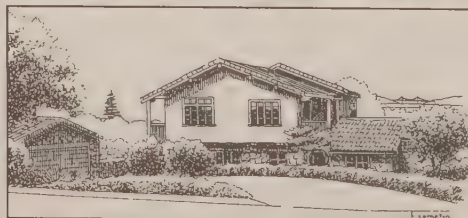
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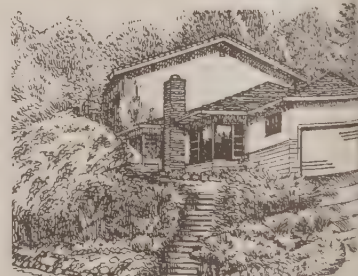
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WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW CAN HURT YOU

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Inspections, part two

It is generally accepted that a home inspection is needed before purchase. Inspectors can help buyers and sellers (those who sell for sale inspections) from unexpected surprises. What specific information should you be looking for? The following are some things to keep in mind when you have your inspections.

Inspectors are generalists

An inspector is like your general practitioner. He is not an expert at everything he inspects. One of the most common misconceptions of first-time buyers

The participants

A Seller and his agent are usually not present. This permits the buyer, his Realtor and the inspector to explore and talk freely. One exception would be if the property has unique problems or aspects that the seller needs to personally explain to the inspector. In the case of a pre-sale inspection, the seller and his agent should attend.

Active participation

If you are dressed appropriately (grubby clothes for crawling and/or climbing), most inspectors will be glad to have you follow them around. Carry a note pad to keep

track of your questions. It is best to save most of them until the end so as to leave your inspector free to concentrate and take his own notes.

The inspection

A comprehensive home inspection covers all the major systems in a property, with an emphasis on health, safety and structural concerns. Although many things can be wrong in a house, some are definitely more worrisome than others.

Foundation problems can be relatively minor, or very costly. If this comes up, ask the inspector if he recommends a further inspection by an engineer. If you hire the engineer, make sure to get a written report. It is worth the extra expense.

Drainage can also run the gamut in terms of seriousness. Besides problems with mold, mildew and possible pest control, drainage inadequacies often lead to foundation deterioration. Take your inspector's advice on what steps to follow.

Sewer line (also called sewer lateral) problems must not be underestimated. If the seller has indicated past blockages or backups, or your inspector recommends it, hire a plumbing contractor who specializes in sewer lines to videotape the line for backup.

Roofs are another area of concern. If the roof needs replacement, it could entail removing several layers of existing materials, replacing eaves and/or framing under the roof and, possibly, replacing gutters and downspouts. If there is any question about the condition of the roof, get at least one written report by a licensed roofer.

The inspector's summary

Once the inspection is completed, and before he leaves, your inspector will orally summarize his findings. This is when it is most important to have your agent present so he or she will be able to accurately convey this information to the seller's Realtor.

Now is your opportunity to pose those questions you have been saving. Also, ask about the implications of what was reviewed. It is the severity, or possible long-term effects, of the problems that you should be most attuned to during the summary. Listen carefully to not only what he says, but how he says it.

Your Realtor should be able to explain how the deficiencies described by the inspector might impact the sale. He or she can also help clarify (with the inspector's agreement) some of his comments.

For example, an inspector might say, "It would be a good idea to have a licensed heating contractor check out the furnace's heat exchanger." Understanding inspector-speak, I translate the statement to: "1) The heat exchanger looks like it has a crack, but I am not a heating expert. If it does have a crack, it will possibly emit dangerous, life-threatening gases; 2) You can bring in PG&E to look for free, but a licensed, experienced heating contractor will often have better credentials than the PG&E inspector. Therefore, it is worthwhile to spend \$65 to \$75 to hire a professional."

In order to survive in the business, an inspector learns to choose his words carefully. If he overstates the problem, he can be liable to the

The best inspectors have a knack of telling it like it is without sounding alarmist.

seller for "defaming" the property. This can lead to his getting a reputation as a "deal-killing" inspector, and a possible loss of referrals from agents.

Conversely, if he fails to call the problem, or understates its seriousness, the buyer can be harmed and justifiably look to him for compensation. An inspector who misses important issues will be thought of as not being thorough, and, again, risk losing agent referrals.

The best inspectors have a knack of telling it like it is without sounding alarmist. They also explain the positives, not just the shortcomings, of the house and grounds.

Responsibility

As long as the seller owns the home, he also owns the problems. Unless the price has been discounted to reflect the defect(s), the seller will customarily need to make a concession in either price or payment for serious problems. In some circumstances, e.g., where there are multiple offers, a buyer may be willing to accept the situation "As is."

Problems can have a variety of fixes which are not readily apparent. Coming up with effective analyses and solutions is what differentiates the finest inspectors and Realtors from those less qualified.

Separate major from minor

The purpose of an inspection is

not for the buyer to create a laundry list of \$50 and \$100 items for the seller to pay or repair. It is to look for serious, i.e., expensive, problems — ones that negatively affect value.

Be concerned with the major problems, as indicated above, and with health and/or safety issues that need immediate attention.

Demanding that the seller pay for minor items, e.g., changing exterior door locks, can sometimes be the death knell of an otherwise smooth transaction.

Inspection contingency timing

Having a clause in the purchase contract that reads: "Buyer hereby removes his physical inspection contingency based on seller agreeing to the following..." is not the removal of the contingency. Asking for seller concessions is actually reopening negotiations on that part of the contract.

It is preferable not to wait until the very end of the inspection period to ask the seller to either pay for a problem or adjust the selling price. Some agents do not clearly convey this to their buyers.

If the date for removal of your inspection contingency has passed while the seller is deciding how to respond to your request, you could be allowing time for an offer from another buyer.

Final thoughts

Home inspections are only as good as the inspector you choose and the real estate professional who helps you analyze the findings. Always ask for a written report and read it carefully. It should not contain anything significant you did not hear during the inspector's oral summary.

Once you have had the inspection, remember there is no right or wrong to real estate transactions; there is only what feels comfortable or acceptable to both parties.

Call me if you missed part one, or for a copy of any of my previous articles.

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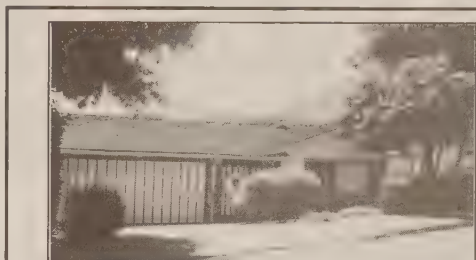
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TARPOFF & TALBERT

Number 197 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

My friend Elizabeth Delphery is a fine artist. I take every opportunity to use her talent.

Together we write and design flyers for the houses that Anet and I have listed for sale. It's an exciting process. I write words, we talk about them, we laugh, she lays out the design.

Elizabeth makes a suggestion, I love it, we whoop, we change it around. We have a grand time. In the early '70s Elizabeth and some friends opened a little shop across from the Rockridge BART station; this is where we met. This was long before Market Hall, before Rockridge was a mecca.

The shop was full of marvelous things, things I had never seen before. I bought an old wooden box with a hinged lid, beautifully sanded and finished, a handmade soft leather vest for my boss's birthday and, just for fun, several charmingly dressed clothespin dolls.

Elizabeth was minding the store that day and we started talking, com-

Artist, magician turns the everyday to won

paring, sharing our enthusiasm for beautiful and unusual things. We knew right away that we would always be friends. Sometimes life gives us such gifts.

Over the years I found reasons to hire Elizabeth, all the reasons I could think of. Probably the first was asking her to choose paint colors for the outside of my house.

Then, when I was redoing my kitchen and wanted to wallpaper the ceiling, my friend helped me select the pattern, even worked with me to hang the paper.

About that time Elizabeth began doing graphics for local businesses. Practically every business in Elmwood and Rockridge had a logo done by her. The Curds & Whey logo, newsletters and store signs were Elizabeth's as well as Primavera's distinctive white leaves on a dark blue background.

After I sold the Buttercup Bakery to clients, I introduced them to Elizabeth and, for all the years they were owners, Elizabeth did all their designs.

She was very busy and so was I. Sometimes we didn't see one another for a period, then an excuse would present itself for getting together again.

Elizabeth drew the dancing children on my wedding invitation, designed business cards and letterhead for me and my husband and my friends.

When my baby daughter died, we invited friends to join us to say goodbye. Elizabeth used the palest peach ink for the invitations. After that she drew bright bluebirds to announce my son's birth.

She designed the Tarpoft & Talbert logo and our printed materials, including our eye-catching for-

reach for new ideas.

In the last couple of months, we've finished three listing flyers. The houses are very different from one another and so are the brochures. We want our flyers to be unlike any others, to give as much real information about the house as possible and to provide by words and style the

the trellis, the blue ceramic tile in the bath.

Then I think. Often I have weeks to think about what sets a certain house apart from all others.

Usually at the end of the day, as I sit and wind down, I write descriptions, things that occur to me that seem to represent the house.

One recent pre-brochure list says in part: Tended with care, consideration; the best of everything; looking at the western sky in mid-evening; a newer country house, firmly footed. I try not to edit myself, to include "far-out" thoughts like "inside out/outside in" or "fox-trot terrace."

After Elizabeth has visited the house with me and made her own notes, I show her what I've written and we talk. We dismiss some items as obvious, silly or mundane. We seize upon others, agreeing that they tell the best story.

Except for "fox-trot terrace," which we found especially evocative and used; none of the other words on the list above appear in our final brochure.

Instead we begin the story of that house: "There is air here. And light. Calm. The outdoors comes inside, quietly gives long views of trees and

water, night skies, the flyer is printed on legal-size paper. It is folded into a striking, sculptural "did it" form. Elizabeth took photographs of windows and doors, concrete and the stairs at the photos, the day emerge.

That's the most all. That something created every time. hours on these flyers, the houses wouldn't them — there is marketing than supplying brochure.

But we take presentations and received. Besides, Elizabeth, something than almost anything ine.

Anet Tarpoft and Elizabeth Delphery are licensed real estate agents and specialists in hourly real estate coaching. They can be reached at 653-2050.

Once we saw a mother holding her small child up to one of our signs so he could peer through the window.

sale sign. The sign's printed in red and green on clear see-through plastic with a geranium in a pot and cottage-flowered curtains pulled to the sides of a window.

Once we saw a mother holding her small child up to one of our signs so he could peer through the window.

Doing house flyers with Elizabeth is the most fun for me. We work well together. Our collaboration frequently seems magical to us as we bounce ideas back and forth, add to one another's unfinished thoughts,

feeling of the house.

There is a lot to say about some houses; less about others. But every house is one of a kind. Some have that sought-after architectural detailing, while others boast marvelous kitchens full of special features.

Usually I am in the houses we list a number of times before it is time to write about them and I make many notes.

I write down everything I can see, all the obvious things like the number of bedrooms, also the appliance brands, the name of the rose on

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YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE OPEN HOMES

OAKLAND Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

217 GRAVATT DR, Claremont Hills 4+3/4, new listing, SF bay vw Pacific Union, Vicki Woodhead 339-6460

943 AQUARIUS WAY, Montclair 4+3/4, rumpus, den/library Pacific Union, Patricia Scott 339-6460

133 STONEWALL RD, 4+bd/3ba craftsman, cul-de-sac, pano bay vw \$775,000 Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Mary Hanna 848-3049

5933 ESTATES DR, Montclair 4/4 gorgeous Med, SF bay view Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

5350 BACON RD, Nw listing! 3/2, gated 2.85 acre on pvt rd, pool, vw \$685,000 Wells & Bennett, Noli Davis 531-9536

1295 SUNNYHILLS RD, Crocker Med, 4bd/3+ba on 3 levels The GRUBB Company, Judy Cain 339-0400

6041 GIRVIN DR, Pano SF/bay vw, custom 3+3/4, office w/entry Wells & Bennett, David Hennigan 601-9540

852 MOUNTAIN BLVD, Montclair 5bd/3+ba contemporary geml Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

6232 WOOD DR, Montclair, 4bd/2+ba, spacious, bay views, deck Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Rosalie Marshall 644-5442

27 BELL WAVER WAY, Skyline, 3bd/2+ba, level, spa, deck. New listing! Taboloff & Co., Margo Brady 482-4131

6240 ASPINWALL, New listing/new home! end of pvt drive, 3/2+ Wells & Bennett, Mary Neuberger 530-4142

1239 ALVARADO RD, Claremont, a grt house w/smashing bay vw! Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Carolyn Jones 644-5426

6887 CHAMBERS DR, Montclair, new price! 3bd/2+ba, sunny The GRUBB Company, Susanne Paul 339-0400

4401 HARBOR DR, Upper Rockridge 4bd/2+ba, charming details Pacific Union, Donna Costella 339-6460

6575 ASCOT DR, Montclair 5bd/3ba, bay views, rumpus, decks Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460

6574 SHEPHERD CANYON, Montclair 3+1/2 contemp, office, den Coldwell Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174

235 SOMERSET RD, Montclair, bay views, patio, garden, FDR The GRUBB Company, Angela Wei Grubb 339-0400

6622 GLEN OAKS, Montclair 3bd/2ba, views, custom, yd, charm Better Homes, Lois C. Johnson 339-8400

6705 OAKWOOD DR, Delightful 4bd remodel, mstr, deck, canyon vw \$439,000 Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846

5901 ASCOT DR, Montclair, pano SF/bay vw, EZ commute, nr parks \$429,000 Wells & Bennett, Kate Phillips 631-7000

15005 BROADWAY TER, 3bd/2+ba, vw SF bay/4 bridges, tri-level Marvin Gardens 527-2700, Alice McLeish 526-1101 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

6150 BROADWAY TER, Rckrdge, gardener's paradise! 3bd+study Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Hoover 849-5338

5511 LASALLE AVE, Montclair 3bd/2ba, den, new paint/roof, garden \$419,000 The GRUBB Company, Elizabeth Dickson 339-0400

5014 CRYSTAL RIDGE, 4+bd/3ba, mstr suite, 2 frpls, level yard Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

1815 NORTHWOOD, 4bd/2+ba, private, SF & bay view! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, N. Hinkley 482-4088

4315 VIEWCREST CT, Ridgmont, wrap-around yd, 4/3, cul-de-sac \$409,000 The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400

7117 SNAKE RD, Montclair 4bd/3b, 2 sunny decks, lg level back yd \$409,000 Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

8201 SKYLINE CIR, Bayview in Oakland Hills, 3 & 4bds w/2+ba, by Kaufman and Broad. Spectacular views of SF bay, recreational trails, easy commute. 430-9633 OPEN DAILY 10-6, FRIDAY 1-6 and up

5035 CRYSTAL RIDGE CT, Bay vw, end of cul-de-sac, landscp The GRUBB Company, Sherry Benninger 339-0400

7011 COLTON BL, Bay view sunset 3/2 remodel, 2 decks, level yd Coldwell Banker, Dell Orr 339-1174

7321 SKYLINE BL, View! 3/2 w/stylish rooms, includes adjacent lot The GRUBB Company, Ed Kuo 339-0400

6085 SKYLINE BL, Montclair 4bd/3+ba, great new listing! pano vw Better Homes Realty 339-4000

3834 BALFOUR, Crocker Highlands, 5bd/4ba, airy craftsman Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460

6880 MOORE DR, Montclair 3+bd/3ba, 1st open terraced garden Better Homes, Martha Shin 339-8400

7265 WILD CUPPANT WAY, New listing! 4bd/3ba, lg yd w/lawn Mason-McDuffie 845-6021, Carole Berger 655-6571

1900 ARROWHEAD DR, Montclair, new price! 3+2+4, mstr, decks \$398,000 The GRUBB Company, Sheila Gallagher 339-0400

6719 CHELTON DR, Montclair 4bd/3ba, peaceful creekside setting Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460

815 TRESTLE GLEN, Crocker, lg 2-story trad'l, 3+bd/3ba, hdwds Coldwell Banker, Norm Robinow 339-1174

1849 DRAKE DR, Montclair 4bd/2+ba, gracious, pool, 2-car garage Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

5779 CHELTON DR, Montclair 3bd/2+ba, FDR, office, decks The GRUBB Company, Kurt Buchholz 339-0400

5115 FAIRHILL CT, Ridgmont 3+bd/2+ba, patio/garden areas Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

6915 PINEHAVEN RD, Montclair, 5bd/2+ba, best buy, reduced \$30K Better Homes, Ed Underfor 531-8401 OPEN SUNDAY 2-5

5727 SNAKE RD, Montclair 4bd/2ba, remodeled, grt level yd Better Homes Realty 339-4000

6912 COLTON BL, Montclair 3+bd/3ba, family rm, hot tub, woody Pacific Union, Ann Nichols 339-6460

2101 MASTLANDS DR, Montclair 3bd/2ba, 1/4 acre of gardens Pacific Union, Sandi Klemmer 339-6460

31 WESTWOOD CT, Montclair 3bd/2+ba Spanish Med, new listing Pacific Union, Nancy Chew 339-6460

410 MOUNTAIN BL, Spanish 4bd/3ba, remodel kit & mstr bath Pacific Union, Debi Fitzgerald 339-6460

2181 ANDREWS, Montclair 3+bd/2ba, totally upgraded, level lot Better Homes Realty 339-4000

5835 COLTON, Elegance/privacy/convenience! 3bd/3b +det'd studio Wells & Bennett, Peter Nicolopoulos 339-9780

6115 ROCKRIDGE BL So. Sunny, sophisticated 3/2, charming yd Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846

5876 ASCOT DR, Piedmont Pines, 2+bd/2+ba, view of bay Better Homes, Mel Copeland 339-2109

4946 STONERIDGE CT, 3bd/2+ba, canyon/bay vw, kit/family room Pacific Union, Rich Gould 339-6460

3909 COOLIDGE, Bay view beauty! 3bd/2+ba, level back yd, deck Coldwell Banker, Jack Brennehan 339-1174

2520 LEIMERT BL, Oakmore, 3bd/2ba colonial, family rm, 2 decks Pacific Union, Dick Cohen 339-6460

3566 LAKESHORE, Crocker, 3bd/3ba trad'l, rm for home office Better Homes, Charlene Claybaugh 444-7653

4329 EVANS AVE, Glenview, 4/2+1, hdwds, FDR, den, garden The GRUBB Company, Debi DiMaggio 339-0400

5704 MORAGA AVE, Montclair 3bd/2ba, huge lot, private setting Pacific Union, Chuck Corwin 339-6460

261 CAPRICORN, Montclair, 4bd/2ba, 2 frpls, level garden area The GRUBB Company, James Garcia 339-0400

7945 SHAY DR, Smashing view! 4/2+1, court'd w/pool, hdwd, 2 frpl Richardson Real Estate, Georgia 569-3499

4247 LAKESHORE AVE, Crocker, 3+bd/2ba trad'l, pvt deck, hot tub The GRUBB Company, Linda McClain 339-0400

6185 WESTOVER, Montclair 4+bd/3ba Coldwell Banker, Jeanne McHugh 486-1495

6674 CHARING CROSS, Hiller, 3bd/2+ba, reduced \$20K, upgrades Better Homes, Nick Lacro 339-8400

119 VILLANOVA DR, 3bd/1+ba, Views! SF/bay/Mt Diablo, level lot Better Homes, Hal Castle 339-9778

6768 EVERGREEN, Tahoe feeling nr park trails, huge decks, sunny Wells & Bennett, Wendy Callaghan 531-7000

551 VALLE VISTA AVE, 5bd/2b Med charmer, landscaped gardens Mason-McDuffie 845-0211, Glass-Sabine Team 644-5495

4858 HARBOR DR, Upper Rockridge, 3/2, FDR, lots of potential The GRUBB Company, Bettina Balestrieri 339-0400

6651 CHABOT RD, Rockridge, 2+bd/1+ba, walk to BART, nice! Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Nancy Moore 644-5488

5645 BROADWAY, 3bd/1+ba Rockridge beauty! walls of windows hdwd floors, approx. 1594 sq ft. A must see! Mason-McDuffie, Mike 754-6255

328 62ND ST, Rockridge 3bd/1+ba craftsman, new listing! level yd Pacific Union, Donna DeBardi 339-6460

1 SEQUOYAH VIEW CT, 3+bd/3ba, a must see, office, storage Gadsby & Associates, Leigh 748-5300

6746 AITKEN DR, 3bd/2ba, Piedmont Pines, hdwds, att'd garage Better Homes, Hal Castle 339-9778

4079 LAKESHORE AVE, 2+bd/1ba, sunny, lovely, built-in Better Homes, Lois C. Johnson 339-8400

4712 REINHARDT, Redwood Heights, 3bd/2+ba, beautiful 7 yr old Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Herb Manor 869-4227

5367 SHAFTER AVE, 2bd/1ba Craftsman style bungalow, 2 bdrms from Rockridge BART/College Ave. Hdwd floors, trpl, box w/ separate dining rm. Washer/dryer/dishwasher, central heat, fenced yd w/mature fruit trees. 800-875-0733 (pin #8655). For Sale OPEN SUNDAY 1-5 Broker's fees for represented buyers negotiable

5825 MERRIEWOOD DR, Best value! 3bd/2ba w/SF bay view Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Martine Erickson 644-5482

5434 BROADWAY, Rockridge, come in & be surprised! 2+bd/2ba Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Fatima Ali 644-5408

4239 GREGORY ST, Redwood Hts 3bd/2ba, landscaped yd w/wood Pacific Union, Teri Carlisle 339-6460

6028 THORNHILL DR, Montclair, new listing! 2bd/2ba, creekside Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

7130 HOMEWOOD, Sunny spacious deck, Montclair, woody, 2bd Wells & Bennett, Judy Ferrell 531-7000

7650 HANSOM DR, 3bd/2ba, a rare find! superb condition Better Homes Realty 339-4000

4549 SEQUOYAH RD, Oakland Hills 3+bd/3ba, space & quiet Better Homes, Tom Nemeth 339-6460

4336 TOWNSEND AVE, New Glenview listing! 3/2, updt'd kitchen Coldwell Banker, Don Coelho 339-1174

457 HUDSON, Rockridge br shingle, 2/1, 1 block Mt Hl & BART Coldwell Banker, Darcy Diamante 339-1174

1 ALIDA CT, Lincoln Hts, 3bd/1+ba, spacious, all amenities Better Homes, Rachel Baller 339-3860

4326 MOUNTAIN VIEW AVE, Leona Hts, 3bd/2ba, pano vw, lg lot Better Homes Realty 339-4000

3940 SEQUOYAH RD, 3bd/1+ba, aupair w/sep entry, hdwds, pool Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

3707 VIRDEN, Pano vw of Mt Tam & SF Bay! 3/2 Med, decks Harbor Bay Realty, Martha Turner 814-4828

724 CALMAR, New price! 2+1/1 country colonial w/curb appeal Coldwell Banker, Karen Lun 339-1174

19 MOSS AVE, 2+bd/1ba near Piedmont Ave, stunning architectural remodel. Realty Advocates, Brett 428-0757 OPEN SUNDAY

3306 OAK KNOLL BL, All new kit & bath upgrades, vw, hdwd floors Wells & Bennett, Jackie Carter 531-7000

4537 FIELDBROOK, Redwood Heights, 2+bd/1+ba, price reduced! Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Howard Conner 869-4212

4567 ELINORA AVE, 2bd/2ba, just listed! move in condition Better Homes Realty 339-4000

677 SANTA RAY, Crocker Highlands, beautiful 2/1 Spanish Med Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Mary Dresser 869-4224

3930 EVERETT, New listing! 2bd, FDR, EIK, hdwds, bsmt, pvt yd Wells & Bennett, Nancy Novick 482-2392

6020 LEONA ST, Lincoln Hts, 4bd/1+ba, custom, garden, reduced! Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460

3108 CARLSEN, Lincoln Hts, 3bd w/bay views, 1st time open, pvt yd Better Homes, Victor Fierro 339-8400

1808 PLEASANT Valley Ave, Piedmont Ave, 2/1, charm & character! Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036

5515 BROADWAY, Rockridge 2bd/1ba, hdwds, trpl, FDR, new listing! Pacific Union, Lee Jacobson 339-6460

1515 EXCELSIOR AVE, Glenview 2+bd/1ba, new listing! remodeled! Better Homes Realty 339-4000

3839 CANON AVE, Glenview 2+bd/1ba, FDR, gleaming woodwork! Better Homes, Helen Nicholas 339-8400

4815 DAVENPORT, Redwood Hts 3bd/2ba, move in/enjoy gardening! Better Homes Realty 339-4000

4080 CARSON ST, Redwood Hts 2bd/1ba, tree & garden setting Pacific Union, Diane E. McCan 339-6460

8311 ASTER AVE, Grt neighborhood! bay vw, landscaped, 2bd/1ba Coldwell Banker, Ruth Lockhart 339-1174

2915 MILLSBRAE AVE, 2/1, stunning Spanish bungalow w/arcade details. Mill 1st Open! Bickley RE, John & Ronda 769-1806 SUNDAY

7928 MICHIGAN, 3bd/1+ba, view! unusual & nice Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Dianne Campbell 286-7502

6109 OUTLOOK AVE, Mills College, 2/1, oversized level lot Better Homes, Ken Ferrell 814-9036

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and the rates available at the

the approach is not unlike a room operation where fast-selling salespeople offer deals that are good to be true, promise savings, incredibly low rates, great terms or a combination of the above. Mortgage raiding is a relatively dormant practice since then it has died off

the practice will return. It's a matter of time. When it comes to consumers should remember that an agent is not in the business for their health. The fees generally are a minimum of one percentage point and costs of preparation and loan

and appraisals, are all added to the price of a new

of the loans consumer are offered are quite legitimate.

the host of loan packages to from may overwhelm the homeowner. It is not un-

to find 15 loan packages by one lender. And what

to be a good deal today may be a very bad one to-

orrowers do have some dis- after they get a loan. Large can often be accomplished by making one additional

One thing is certain: rates will change and any decision requires good financial analysis.

payment on the loan per year. This can effectively reduce the total number of payments over the life of the loan by half.

If you are currently paying a loan 12 times a year, an annual thirteenth payment accomplishes precisely the same interest reduction and early payoff as a biweekly loan schedule but without being locked into that schedule. And it costs nothing extra to achieve.

One type of loan you no longer have to worry about was called a two-step which institutional lenders began offering in the early '90s. It was fixed for a period of time, then became fixed again.

This type of loan was often referred to by its numbered stages. They were called a five and 25 or a seven and 23. That meant the rate was fixed for five or seven years and then fixed again for the balance of the 30-year loan.

One problem was that the future fixed rate was unknown until the initial term expired. At that point, the loan was to be recalculated with a margin above a preselected index.

Many people did not realize that in many cases these loans

were really balloons. They were supposed to be extendible but only under certain circumstances. If a borrower had more than one late payment during the initial fixed stage of the loan they were often not be allowed to extend for the rest of the term when that period began.

Furthermore, two-step loans were usually not assumable and the borrower had to still occupy the property when the second step arrived. Even worse, at the end of the initial five-year or seven-year term, if the then current rate turned out to not favor the lender, they often had no obligation to extend it.

This was a bad deal for borrowers. Loan brokers often failed to point out these distinctions when quoting rates to prospective clients. Fortunately, few chose a two-step loan and they are no longer widely available.

The one thing that is certain is rates will change and any loan decision requires good financial analysis.

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Mark Wilson

The Wilson's addition not only matched the historic character of their home but added to their enjoyment of living there as well.

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that you can only learn from experience. As my father always said, when you're working with contractors, everything takes twice as long as you think it will.

We were, however, quite satisfied with the quality of John Reed's finished job. The extra "change-order" items we added only \$1,500 to the the

final fee.

When the contractor had finished, my brother-in-law took three months to complete the interior. The materials we used on the interior came to around \$3,000 and we ended up paying my brother-in-law a little over \$10,000 for his work.

With the addition finally completed, it had cost just under \$60,000. This included the fees we paid to the city of Berkeley. The entire addition had taken about seven-and-one-half

months from start to finish.

The final result of all our effort and expense was a truly "sympathetic addition," one that matched the our home's historic character, added to our enjoyment of living there and increased the value of our home by at least as much as we spent.

Mark A. Wilson is a Realtor and architectural historian who works at Mason McDuffie's Berkeley-Telegraph Avenue office. He can be reached at 273-9383.

YOUR WEEKEND GUIDE TO OPEN HOMES

CLARA, #104 & #202, condos w/class in-unit laundry \$158,500
Banker, Donna Conroy 339-1174

UNYMER, Exceptionally clean 2bd/1ba hm w/many extras \$155,000
McDuffie 339-9290, E. Johnson 869-4246

Maxwell Park, blend of original charm & tasteful updates \$154,900
Banker, Kevin McMullen 339-1174

ENIC, Upper Diamond, very lovely 2bd/1ba, value, move in! \$154,000
McDuffie 339-9290, Cindy Boze 869-4203

MAN, Maxwell Park, 3bd/1ba, grt home w/much potential \$149,500
McDuffie 339-9290, Felicia Owens 869-4217

ORCOM, Maxwell Park, gorgeous 2+bd, private, charml \$148,500
McDuffie 339-2010, Heidi Tuggle 531-4554

AYO, 3bd \$145,950
Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

BERTS AVE, New listing! 2bd, remodeled kitchen, lg yd \$144,900
McDuffie 834-2010, Dolores Thom 763-1710

St. Adams Pt, Rare Normandy style condo, 2/1, trpl, hdwds \$135,000
McDuffie 834-2010, Susan Casqueiro 655-8035

th AVE, Exceptionally nice 2bd, garden \$129,500
McDuffie 834-2010, Kamal Bello 286-7661

ST, 2bd craftsman bungalow, fixer, nice street, "as is" \$125,000
Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5848 OPEN SATURDAY 2-4

TER, 2+bd/1 1/2ba, large park-like backyard \$123,000
465-4805, Sandy 261-4556 OPEN SUNDAY 1:30-4

th AVE #2, Laurel District, 2bd/1 1/2ba, master suite \$105,000
McDuffie 834-2010, Lois Harris 287-2521

MEDA Open Sunday

TS DR, Lagoon masterpiece! 3bd/2ba, level-in \$428,000
McDuffie 339-9290, Mark Ross 869-4256 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

TS DR, New listing! 3bd/3ba, lagoon, delightful \$349,000
McDuffie 339-9290, D. A. Hammond 869-4219 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

EARL ST, 2+bd/2ba, delightful Fernside craftsman! \$248,000
McDuffie 339-9290, Vince Moran 869-4236 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

ANY Open Sunday

ALTA, New listing! arts & crafts 2bd, FDR, yd, walk to all \$270,000
Bennett, Katie Meadow 521-7000 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

WELL AV, 3bd, remodeled bath, DR, separate office, grt \$234,500
play structure in lg backyard. For Sale By Owner 528-4647 SUNDAY 1-5

ANCE, Albany 2bd/1ba \$179,000
Banker, Diane Verducci 486-1495 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

KELEY Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

WEL RD, 1929 Spanish Villa, 4bd/4 1/2ba, patio & gardens \$899,000
ABB Company, Jane Inch 339-0400

ER AVE, No. Berkeley gracious 4 1/2ba, fab SF & bay vws \$849,000
ABB Company, Melitta Beeson 339-0400

YPTUS RD, Enchanting br shingle w/SF vws, garden, 4/3 \$699,000
ABB Company, Judy Rankankan 339-0400

ATROSE, 5bd/3ba \$595,000
Banker, Kim Marienthal 486-1495

ALAMEDA, 1000 Oaks 4bd/2 1/2ba trad'l, remod & updated \$559,000
Company, Leslie Avant 652-2133 X122

ROAD, Claremont, 2bd/1 1/2ba, 1st open! walk to Peet's \$439,000
Jones, Jan Neff 449-8400

AN ANTONIO, Custom built 3bd/2 1/2ba, FDR, frpl, det'd office \$439,000
Bay Realty, Tere Lee 521-3352

CREST, Charming, Claremont English 4bd/1 1/2ba \$429,000
McDuffie, Nancy Pfafford 845-6021

ANCE, Berkeley 4bd/3 1/2ba \$429,000
Banker, Barbara Marienthal 486-1495

DIEGO, 4bd/2 1/2ba \$419,000
Banker, Joan Barnett 486-1495

PRICE ST, New pricel pano view! 3/2 +sep. auipair, patio/yd \$419,000
Company, Mary Montali 652-2133 X132

LOMA, Berkeley Duplex \$415,000
Banker, Diana Kay 486-1495

WY, Berkeley 3bd/2ba \$379,000
Banker, Sally Hendrickson 486-1495

AMONT AV, 3/1, romantic charms/sylvan garden/bay vws \$335,000
Company, Jack McPahl 652-2133 X135 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1410 HENRY, Berkeley 3bd/2 1/2ba \$305,000
Coldwell Banker, Holly Rose 486-1495

412 MICHIGAN, Berkeley Hills Cape Cod, 2+ 1/2 charmer, landscaped \$299,000
Red Oak Realty, Marc Guay 527-3387 X103 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

1030 CRAGMONT, 3+bd/2 1/2ba \$279,000
Coldwell Banker 486-1495

1908 DELAWARE, 2+bd/2ba \$252,500
Coldwell Banker, Chris Cohn 486-1495

2115 SPAULDING, 3bd/2ba \$249,000
Coldwell Banker, Holly Rose 486-1495

1509 JUANITA WAY, University Garden traditional, 2bd/2ba \$245,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Gene Boomer 869-4202

2220 CALIFORNIA ST, Split level charmer, FDR, brkfst nook, 3/1 \$219,000
Coldwell Banker, George Karsant 339-1174

2312 BLAKE STREET, 2bd/1ba, unique 2-story condo, garden area \$195,000
Pacific Union, Joanna Gould 339-6460

1251 GILMAN, Private 2bd, FDR, yard, garage \$189,000
Mason-McDuffie 834-2010, Richard Matus 287-2501

2545 MILVIA, Berkeley 3bd/1+ba \$184,000
Coldwell Banker, The Longs 486-1495

2545 MILVIA @ Parker, lg lower flat, 3/1+, FDR, updt'd kit, pvt yard \$184,000
Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 527-3752/Heidi Long 525-5800 SUNDAY 2-4

1216 GILMAN, Immaculate 2bd, walk to grt shoptl yd w/roses & fruit \$179,000
Marvin Gardens 527-2700, Alice McLeish 526-1101

2 PANORAMIC WAY, 1, 2 & 3 bedroom condos, starting at..... \$135,000
SF or hill views, great location! Sandelco Properties 652-8252 SUNDAY 2-4

2600 ETNA #B, 1bd/1ba \$129,000
Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 486-1495

2600 ETNA @ Parker, Elmwood, 1bd unit, hdwd, deck, nds TLC \$129,000
Coldwell Banker, Tina Ensign 527-3752/Heidi Long 525-5800 SUNDAY 2-4

1518 HAWTHORNE TERRACE, Berkeley 4bd/2 1/2ba \$
Coldwell Banker, Mona Thompson 486-1495

EL CERRITO Open Sunday

6509 CANYON TRAIL, Level-in 3bd/2ba, updt'd kit, frpl, patio yd \$234,950
Red Oak Realty, Marc Guay 527-3387 X103 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

EMERYVILLE Open Sunday

4300 HORTON #9, Emeryville 1+bd/1+ba \$229,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

4300 HORTON #13, 1+bd/1+ba \$215,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

HAYWARD Open Sunday

3207 BRIDGE DR, 4bd/2ba, spacious & polished! park-like yard \$249,000
Better Homes, Steven Biasatti 339-8400 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

KENSINGTON Open Sunday

8 EAGLE HILL, 1st Open! 3/2 -in-law w/frpl, lg decks, garden, vw \$429,000
Marvin Gardens, 527-9111, Todd Hodson 273-9515 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

280 LEXINGTON, 5bd/2+ba, new listing! forested setting \$409,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

12 ANSON WAY, 3bd/1+ba, garage w/interior access, yd, bay vw \$325,000
Templeton Company, Bebe Garra 652-2133 X145 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

359 COLUSA, 2bd/1ba \$229,000
Red Oak Realty 527-3387 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

ORINDA Open Sunday

19 WOODCREST, 4bd/2+ba, huge price reduction! \$469,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, Jon Dunn 869-4215 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

21 DIAS DORADOS, Spacious 5bd/3 1/2ba, great schools & location \$699,000
Mason-McDuffie 339-9290, George Millions 869-4233 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4:30

PIEDMONT Open Sunday 2-4:30 pm

209 HILLSIDE AVE, Sunny trad'l w/updt'd kit, 3+ 1/2, gardens \$849,000
The GRUBB Company, Karen Starr 339-0400

36 CREST RD, 3+bd/3+ba, level-in, peaceful setting, lovely \$835,000
Pacific Union, Bonnie Hirsch 339-6460

140 MAXWELTON, Exquisite, custom, 9 rooms, pool, view! \$699,000
Mason-McDuffie 428-0900, Suzanne Yamamoto 644-5477

65 WYNGAARD AVE, 2-story trad'l, family rm, landscaped grounds \$650,000
The GRUBB Company, Donald Grubb Jr. 339-0400

105 MESA, Wonderful family home, excellent street! \$495,000
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SCULPTOR AND DRAWING CLASSES Figure classes, workshops, labs available: Clay, wax, found objects, mold making and cold casting. OPEN figure sculpture lab Wednesday and Saturday. Call vanDerZanden Studio, Diane, 843-9445

206 Found

DOG, old female Golden Retriever, found on Shepherd Canyon, taken to SPCA. 530-4871

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless animals. Need food, cages, litter, traps. MA 414-3204

"JOHNNY", 6 years, DSH, black, lovable Owner deceased. FIV positive but healthy. Donation. Marc, 444-3204

"SAMANTHA", 3 years, DLH, tuxedo, declawed, sole pet. Donation. 444-3204

"MAXIMILIAN", 6 years, gray/white, DMH, large, playful, independent. Donation. 658-6799

THREE female rescued kittens. Tortoise shell, orange tabby. Tested, shots, donation. 798-9908

STUNNING 9 week old kittens, long hair, playful, cuddly. Tested, shots, after assistance. Donation. 606-8069

SIX beautiful rescued kittens need home. Tested, shots, donation. 415-646-7800, ext. 236 or 444-3204

"CHARLES", 11 weeks, DSH, tuxedo, affectionate. Tested, shots, neuter assistance. Donation in Walnut Creek, 472-8892

"BATMAN", 5 years, DSH, black, large, indoor/outdoor, talkative, independent, neutered, tested, shots. Donation 635-5723

"PRINCESS", 6 years, DLH, large calico/ Siamese, loving, mellow, indoor. Tested, spayed, shots. Donation 562-4565

"TIGER-CUZY", 4 years, DLH, large, orange tabby, indoor, likes cats. Neutered, tested, shots. Donation 535-5364

"CLEO", Shepherd, 4 years, housebroken, sweet when familiar, spayed, shots. Donation 595-0868

"FELIX", tuxedo cat, DMH, 8 weeks, incredibly adorable, sweet, tested, shots, neuter assistance. Donation 531-6309

PIT bull, 6 month male, Staffshire Bull Terrier. Sweet, great with kids. Good natured. 339-9786

FOX Hound (Beagle cousin), 2 year old neutered male. A real love. Donation 530-4843

SAM, 10 years, black Lab/ Shepherd mix. Mellow, great with kids, cats dog. Donation. 883-0850

THREE rabbits, Nederland Dwarf, need new loving home. Separate adw. 635-2943

208 Lost

LOST orange cat "Monty", no tail, needs heart medicine daily Balboa Drive. 339-9485

CAT, male, long-haired, black, green eyes, collar May 7 at Spruce/ Michigan, Berkeley, Reward: 528-0096

EDUCATION

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479 Merritt-Studio. Walk-in, gas heat and stove, partial Lake view, large shared deck. No pets. Call 451-3022.

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\$600- \$650

LAKE MERRITT

Spacious studio, charming older building, hardwoods, utilities included. 266 Lenox. 841-5979.

\$625 RESTORED, beautiful studio, vinyl flooring. Lake view, hardwoods, laundry, includes utilities. 510-834-0672; 415-957-0304, days.

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\$635 SUNNY, junior 1 bedroom, lower Glenview. Corner unit, breakfast nook, good S.F. commute. 769-0300.

\$640 QUALITY building near Piedmont. Upper Grand/ Lakeshore, balcony, pool, AEK, laundry, carpeted. 465-3648.

\$650 BROADWAY/ 41st, upstairs unit. Sunny, private, newly remodeled, super clean. No pets, non-smoking. 510-254-0227.

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\$650 ONE bedroom, Adams Point, large, dishwasher, balcony, garage. 763-7376.

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\$675 LARGE 1 bedroom, quiet, secure building, carpet, AEK, laundry room, storage, no pets. 428-4913.

\$675 LARGE 1 bedroom condo. AEK, parking, near Lake Merritt 580, balcony, walk-to-walk car. 653-9220.

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CONDO QUALITY

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\$875 GRAND apartment, Adams Point, 214 Lee. Fireplace, laundry, hardwood. Gracious French Tudor building. 532-6738.

\$875 LAKE, 346 Harver. Redecorated, 2 bath, new carpets, new paint, parking, balcony, laundry. 893-5738.

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727 3+ BED. APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

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\$1250 UTILITIES paid. Upper flat, spiral staircase, skylights, hardwood, carpet, yard. 69th. #13981-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$1650 FORMAL dining, fireplace, new kitchen with breakfast room, plus office. On bus line, petal utilities. Available July 1. 482-5390.

\$2000 ROCKRIDGE, sunny 4 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, in charming older 5-plex, 2 living rooms, private deck, view, 2 year lease, last and security. Available June 16. 653-3925.

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737 Berkeley

\$750 PLUS electric. Cozy studio cottage near College Ave. shops, private yard. 844-9415.

738 El Cerrito & North

\$470 EL CERRITO studio cottage. Panoramic view, carpets, laundry, yard, Cutting Blvd. #13955-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

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753 2 BED. HOME RENTALS Berkeley

\$965 FIREPLACE, hardwoods, large fenced yard, petio, deck, Everyth' Glims. #13947-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

Public Notices

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 18, 1997.
The Journal May 15, 22, 29, June 5, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2813
The Name of the Business:
1) NPM Landscape 2) NPM Landscape, Inc., 701 Elm Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Are registered by the following owner:
Nakano-Peng-Mak Landscape, Inc., 701 Elm Street, El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 7, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 6, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2841
The Name of the Business:
Sofplex, 1760 Bayo Vista Ave., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Are registered by the following owner:
Jim Paul Bigley, 1769 Bayo Vista Ave., San Pablo, CA 94606.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 7, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 7, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2842
The Name of the Business:
Logo Ent., 3908 Alta Vista Cir., Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Is registered by the following owner:
Rafaela Tomas aka Safa Abdulla, 3908 Alta Vista Cir., Pittsburg, CA 94565.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2771
The Name of the Business:
Mastering Success, 1145 2nd St., Suite 201, Brentwood, CA 94513.
Is registered by the following owner:
Mary Ann Isaacson, 2416 Wayfarer Court, Byron, CA 94514.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2772
The Name of the Business:
Jordan Enterprises dba Jordano Ironworks, 341 Scarlet Oak Court, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.
Is registered by the following owner:
Nancy Lynn Jordan, 341 Scarlet Oak Court, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 30, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2702
The Name of the Business:
My Own Sweet Thyme Culinary Herbs and Fancies, 586 Pomona St./1322 Pomona St., Crockett, CA 94525.
Is registered by the following owner:
Dana Marie Painter, 586 Pomona St., Crockett, CA 94525.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 30, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 30, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2521
The Name of the Business:
Dream Team, 90 Norwood Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707.
Is registered by the following owner:
Patricia Ellsberg, 90 Norwood Avenue, Kensington, CA 94707.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 22, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 22, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2858
The Name of the Business:
Wences Acupuncture, 2315-18th Street, San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is registered by the following owner:
Sandra S. Alstrand, 2315-18th St., San Pablo, CA 94606.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 7, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 7, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2666
The Name of the Business:
RP Marketing, 1928 Center Ave., Martinez, CA 94553.
Is registered by the following owner:
Phillip E. Jachowski, 1928 Center Ave., Martinez, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 29, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 29, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-3016
The Name of the Business:
C.C.I., Inc. 2001 Truman Ct., Antioch, CA 94509.
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 112, Alamo, CA 94507-0112.
Is registered by the following owner:
Community Care Initiatives, Inc. State of Incorporation: California.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 14, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 14, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2625
The Name of the Business:
RC Lawn Maintenance, 4176 Sandra Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565.
Is registered by the following owner:
Ryan L. Thomas, 4176 Sandra Circle, Pittsburg, CA 94565.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 28, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 28, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE: LOAN # 99-42700-6

YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED March 09, 1992. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On Friday, the 13th day of June, 1997, at the hour of 10:30 o'clock A.M., said day at 2401 Willow Pass Road, Concord, California, County of Contra Costa, State of California, Auxiliary Corporation, as trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, and/or the cashiers, certified, or other check specified in the Civil Code, section 2924 (b) (4), all payments at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Contra Costa, State of California, and described as follows, to wit: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST, A.P. No. 544-128-021 Property believed to be located at: 208 South 12th Street, Richmond, CA. Estimated Sale Price: (includes unpaid balance of the loan plus interest and

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estimated costs at publication date): \$82,400.00. The Property described is being sold in an "as-is" condition. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by the pursuant to the power of sale conferred in a certain Deed of Trust executed by Ricardo Duran and Norma Duran, his wife, to Northern Auxiliary Corporation as trustee, for the benefit and security of California Savings & Loan, a Federal Association, dated March 09, 1992 and recorded March 24, 1992, in the Office of the County Recorder of the County of Contra Costa, State of California, in Liber 17340 of Official Records at Page 56. Date: May 12, 1997. Northern Auxiliary Corporation by Vera M. Long, President, 600 Market Street, San Francisco, California 94102 (415) 686-3600. D. Russell Spitzer, Attorney for Trustee, San Francisco, California C257080 522, 529, 65 1997.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

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T.S. No. 0003636-10
APN: 065-2655-046 TRA: 22-000
LOAN No. 934614-9
REF: DEAN DEVENER
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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER:
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED May 4, 1992. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.

On June 12, 1997, at 12:00 PM,

CAL-WESTERN RECONVEYANCE CORPORATION, a California corporation as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded May 27, 1992, as inst. No. 92164727, book XX, page XX, of Official Records in the Office of the County Recorder of ALAMEDA County, State of CALIFORNIA, executed by

DEAN DEVENER, AN UNMARRIED MAN

WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVING ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE WILL BE HELD

AT THE STEPS TO THE ENTRANCE OF THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 1225 FALLON STREET, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94612, at 10:00 a.m. All rights, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as:

COMPLETELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST.

The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 10071 FALLON AVENUE, ALBANY, CA 94706

The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein.

Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust to wit: \$149,196.27 with interest thereon from 03/01/1996 at 7.625% per annum as provided in said note(s) plus cost and any advances with interest. ESTIMATED TOTAL DEBT \$166,346.08. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located.

FOR SALES INFORMATION: Mon-Fri 8:00am to 5:00pm (6:00am to 5:00pm) at the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein.

Signed: Signature By Thelma B. Alcantara
Authorized Signature
Dated: May 19, 1997
TRUSTEE SALE OFFICER:
THELMA B. ALCANTARA Ext. 3086

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-3045
The Name of the Business:
All Commodities Beverage & Bottling Company, 25 Crestview Court, Orinda, CA 94563. Mailing Address: P.O. Box 278, Orinda, CA 94563.
Is registered by the following owner:
Robert Henderson, 25 Crestview Court, Orinda, CA 94563.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 13, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 13, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2906
The Name of the Business:
Ultra Velvet, 836 Santa Maria Way, Lafayette, CA 94506.
Is registered by the following owners:
Bryan Harris, 1901 Newell #B, Walnut Creek, CA 94501.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 25, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 25, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2547
The Name of the Business:
Union Jobs Clearinghouse, 819 San Simeon Drive, Concord, CA 94521.
Is registered by the following owner:
Gary Cortes, 819 San Simeon Drive, Concord, CA 94521-2221.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 23, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 23, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2755
The Name of the Business:
Aronstons, 205 O'Neill Circle, Hercules, CA 94547.
Is registered by the following owners:
Mindy Fawn Nualiku, 205 O'Neill Circle, Hercules, CA 94547.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2738
The Name of the Business:
1) Weir Enterprises 2) Madame Ovary, 2305 Helena Court, Pinole, CA 94564-1814.
Is registered by the following owner:
Amelia K. Sefton, 2305 Helena Court, Pinole, CA 94564.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 2, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2857
The Name of the Business:
Consolidated Automotive Research Services, 119 Reasani Dr., Danville, CA 94506.
Is registered by the following owner:
Hidago Management, Inc., 19 Reasani Dr., Danville, CA 94506.

This business is conducted by a Corporation.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 30, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 30, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2792
The Name of the Business:
Wok In & Out Food To Go, 1572-B Sycamore Ave., Hercules, CA 94547.
Is registered by the following owner:
William Y. Jurgens, 755 Turquoise Dr., Hercules, CA 94547.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 5, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 5, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2944
The Name of the Business:
Government Mortgage Tracer, 110 Pebble Pl., San Ramon, CA 94583.
Is registered by the following owner:
Mahvash L. Monjazeab, 110 Pebble Pl., San Ramon, CA 94583.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 12, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 12, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2932
The Name of the Business:
Elemental Design, 6154 Bernhard Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.
Is registered by the following owner:
Jonathan B. McPherson, 6154 Bernhard Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 12, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 12, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2834
The Name of the Business:
Tax Solutions, 637 St. Mary's Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is registered by the following owner:
Sandra Bazgan, 637 St. Mary's Rd., Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in December, 1993.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 6, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2752
The Name of the Business:
Collective People's Investments, 298 Lowell Ln. West, Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is registered by the following owners:
Andrew Chang, 298 Lowell Ln. West, Lafayette, CA 94549.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership.
The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 25, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 2, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2852
The Name of the Business:
Rising Solutions, 506 Falcon Way, Hercules, CA 94547.
Is registered by the following owner:
Elizabeth A. Siveind, 506 Falcon Way, Hercules, CA 94547.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on April 29, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 29, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2781
The Name of the Business:
Diablo Liquidators, 1001 St. Andrews Dr., Discovery Bay 94514.
Is registered by the following owners:
William B. Dearthly, 1001 St. Andrews Dr., Discovery Bay 94514.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 5, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 5, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2610
The Name of the Business:
Alternate Solutions, 1636 San Pablo Ave., San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is registered by the following owner:
H. Mici Underberg, 16401 San Pablo, CA 94606.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 5, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 5, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2829
The Name of the Business:
Faces Europe Skin Care, 3483 Golden Gate Way, Sausalito, Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is registered by the following owner:
Virginia A. Bacigalup, 95 Welcome Ave., Concord, CA 94521.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 1, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2874
The Name of the Business:
Call Sever, P.O. box 6244, 211 Vale Rd., #28, San Pablo, CA 94606.
Is registered by the following owner:
Judith B. Parker, 211 Vale Rd., #28, San Pablo, CA 94606.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 1, 1997.
The Journal May 22, 29, June 5, 12, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-3077
The Names of the Businesses:
1) Planetary Mysteries, 2) Web Tours, 3) Inner Flight, 3432 Yosemite Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Are registered by the following owner:
Thea Mona Klythia, 3432 Yosemite Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on May 1, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 1, 1997.
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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-3168
The Names of the Businesses:
1) The Clever Camper, 2) The Clever Camper, LLC, 437 Ashbury Avenue, El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Are registered by the following owner:
The Clever Camper, LLC.
State of Incorporation: California.

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business names listed above on May 7, 1997.

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CA 94564.
This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above in 1992.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on April 4, 1997.
The Journal May 12, 19, 26, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2810
The Name of the Business:
Pacific Electric Magnet Company, 129 Natalie Drive, Moraga, CA 94556-2422.
Is registered by the following owner:
Rand Robert Perry, 129 Natalie Drive, Moraga, CA 94556-2422.

This business is conducted by an individual.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 1, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 1, 1997.
The Journal May 12, 19, 26, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2896
The Name of the Business:
AJR Watch Repair, 1165 Arnold Drive, Martinez, CA 94553.
Is registered by the following owners:
John R. Warren, 640 S. Regatta Dr., Vallejo, CA 94591.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 5, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 5, 1997.
The Journal May 12, 19, 26, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-3106
The Name of the Business:
Park Avenue Home Interiors, 6041 Park Avenue, Richmond, CA 94805.
Is registered by the following owners:
Erica Gant, 6041 Park Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.
The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on May 19, 1997.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on May 19, 1997.
The Journal May 12, 19, 26, 1997.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 97-2905
The Name of the Business:
Blue Roses, 40 Gary Lee Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.
Is registered by the following owners:
Brooke Atkinson, 40 Gary Lee Lane, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by Co-Partners